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WWLR: Missing in Action

By Tim DeHoff

The school year has begun and classes have been in session for about a month. The big question on every student's mind is where is WWLR? For those of you that are new students WWLR is the school's radio station. It is usually found on channel 91.5 FM, but all that you hear when you turn the dial to the station is nothing but static. What is the deal?

Well, after the great flood of last semester, they are still having problems. Last semester a pipe above the studio burst and flooded the station, damaging a lot of equipment. After that problem was solved, by purchasing a lot of new equipment, they had trouble with the transmitter. Frank Doldo got the station a new slightly used transmitter for the station. The reason the station is not up and running as of now is the transmitter has not arrived as of yet. They are also having a few other problems with the station. All of the new equipment needs to be wired in with the old in the studio. Now, there is only one person capable of doing that and that person is Jamie Dennis. Dennis is the station's Engineer. Dennis was unable to be reached for comments. They are also having problems reorganizing. After the great flood everything from compact discs to soundboards were thrown in to one room. They have to dig everything out and set it all up.

For those of you that are new students the station plays a wide range of music from Pop to World music. From 6 in the morning to 6 at night it is on air with formatted programming. This is where the Music Director, Chuck King, chooses the most popular music around campus for airplay. Formatted programs usually go to those with the least amount of experience.

From 6 at night to 3 in the morning is unformatted programming, which is whatever the DJ wants to play. This style of programming is usually reserved for those that have at

least one semester of experience. They are currently looking for people who are committed to music. Plans for being on the airwaves should be happening towards the end of October.

If you are interested in helping out get in contact with Fred Placey the station's General Manager. Or just watch for notices posted around campus for an informational meeting, keep an eye on the station's door too. The station is located on the first floor of Vail right across from the Critic and the mailroom.

The Dean of Institutional Advancement

By Tim DeHoff

A lot of people have recently been confused on a position here at Lyndon State College. The Director of Institutional Advancement no longer exists; it has been recently changed to Dean of Institutional Advancement. The new Dean of Institutional Advancement is Judy Beaupre; actually, she is not that new. Beaupre has been at LSC for about six months now. She attained the job in spring semester of 2000.

There has been a lot of confusion about this position lately. Everyone thinks it is a new position, but actually, it has been at LSC for a number of years. Beaupre's office is currently located at the Alumni House, across from Vail. Institutional Advancement is primarily responsible for fund raising for extra item at LSC. They earn money from Alumni and grants. They also handle public relations for the school and scholarships. They fundraise for and distribute the scholarships.

For more information, contact Judy Beaupre at the Alumni House.

Burke Mountain Needs Your Help

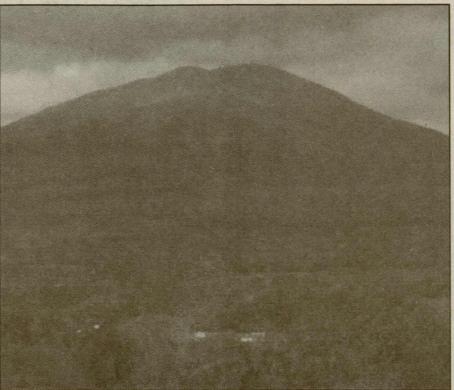
By Sarah Robbins

The fate of the Burke Mountain Ski Area, which went bankrupt at the end of last season, was revealed at an informational meeting held at Lyndon Institute on Wednesday, October 4. All facets of the mountain were addressed, including the question on whether or not the ski area will be up and running this winter.

The mystery of who has taken over the mountain has been unveiled. Burke Mountain Academy has formed a limited liability company, referred to as Burke 2000 LLC, to deal with the recently auctioned assets. All Academy donors are supporting the company. Burke 2000 LLC is still looking for a buyer who would like to operate the mountain long-term.

According to Burke Mountain Academy Headmaster, Kirk Dwyer, "It's much easier to sell a ski area that is up and running."

Burke 2000 LLC would love to open the mountain to the community, but they need help. According to Jody Fried,



mountain supporter, and coowner of The Pub Outback and Bailey's & Burke, "It's going to take more than an individual to make that [full operation] happen." After only ten days of ownership a lot has been accomplished. If the mountain is able to double the sale of season passes by November 14, they will open.

In order to sell more season passes, the rates have been significantly reduced and surprising incentives have been added. An adult pass will cost \$479, marked down from \$599; seniors and teens will receive passes for \$299; children will ski for \$249; and college stu-

dents will receive the lowest rate of \$199 dollars for a season pass. But a winter's worth of skiing at Burke won't be all your money will buy -- all Burke season passes will also be excepted at Jay Peak! The President of Jay Peak, Bill Stenger, told the audience, "Everyone with a Burke Mountain pass will be welcomed with open arms from the day we open until the day we close." Burke passes will also be excepted for 3 days of skiing at Cannon, with every time thereafter costing the passholder only 50% of the rate.

Lyndon State College students purchased a total of

79 season passes at Burke last year. The goal is to increase this number to 200 by November 14. The mountain is currently working with area banks to implement a document to be signed by purchasers. If the ticket quota is not reached by the given date, an escrow account will allow all money to be refunded to the correct people.

All issues have not yet been addressed. The committee has made a lot of progress over the past ten days and believes with the help of the community, "We can make it happen." People can visit a newly impleweb mented site, http://skiburke.com, to find out more details on this year's season pass. informational phone line is the works. in According to Headmaster Dwyer, "We don't plan on keeping any information [from the public]."

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VIT Up and Running



Technician Dave Hunttington said, "There was no job description for this job, just a picture of George Jetson." He went on to say, "It's all about pushing the right buttons at the right time."

By Sarah Robbins

It has only been two months since Lyndon State College welcomed Vermont Interactive Television site to the campus, and they haven't wasted any time getting things up and running. According to site coordinator Phil Dimaggio, "We moved a lot over the years, so we have it down to a science." Dimaggio is very pleased with the renovations that were made by the college to accommodate the site.

VIT has many sites scattered around the state, including one at Castleton State College, Johnson State College and Vermont Technical College. The studios serve as a videoconferencing room in which people can communicate with others who are located somewhere else in the state. Since the North East Kingdom is so isolated, this form of communication

makes it easier for people to attend meetings without having to drive for hours.

The interactive television studio has brought many benefits to both the college and the community. The Administration is now able to attend Vermont State College meetings without having to leave the confines of the campus. VIT has also made it possible for an experimental Interactive Digital Multimedia class, Virtual Humankind, to be taught. According to Sean Roberts, a senior graphic design major who is enrolled in the class, "It is really neat to have the ability to converse with someone on the other end of the state in real time." Students from Lyndon and Castleton videoconference twice a week to collaborate on their web site development. A University of Vermont course, which is for area

Masters degree in social work, is currently being offered at night. VIT gives the adult learner an alternative to attending daily classes. According to technician, Dave Hunttington, interactive television "reiterates the correspondence course." Now students are able to get the one-on-one with the teacher without being in the same room.

Besides educational

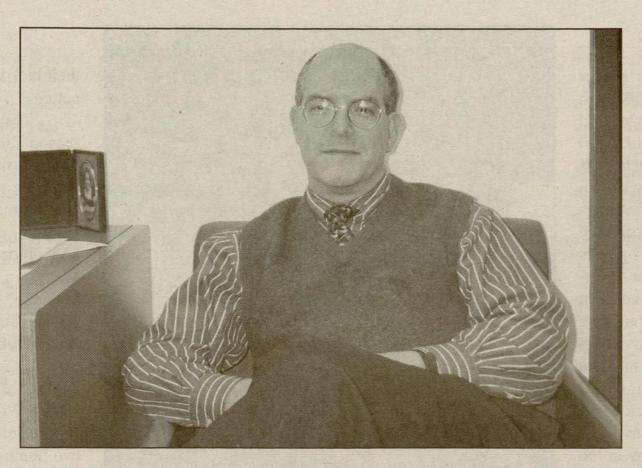
purposes, the site broadcasts a wide range of programming including Weight Reduction Management, Union meetings, continuing education for real estate agents and licensed plumbers, and seminars for the Vermont School Board. Vermont Interactive Television has many more community programs available. For a complete list visit their web Http://www.vitlink.org.



UVM Students participate in an interactive lecture as part of the VIT Classroom.

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Fishbein Appointed Dean



If you haven't seen this face around campus yet, keep your eyes peeled, Fishbein said, "I hope and expect to be out and about campus."

By Sarah Robbins

Michael Fishbein is a new name and face at Lyndon State College. He was hired this summer to fill the position of the Dean of Academic Affairs, which was left vacant last year upon the resignation of Paul Terro. Fishbein is not a rookie to this title. Before traveling to the Northeast Kingdom he was Dean of Cazenovia College, which is located right outside of Syracuse, York. New Fishbein said, "This is a larger institution for me."

Cazenovia is a private college with an enrollment of only 700.

Fishbein believes
Lyndon State College was
attracted to "his record of
developing new programs
and program assessment."
He will be using his past
experience to help develop
new programs at the college, as well as, in finding
new ways to meet the educational need of the community.

In order to develop new programs at a college, the administration must look at conditions that already exist. Fishbein pointed out, "Students only see the assessments that go on in the classroom, such as grading and student evaluations, they are not aware of the other assessments that go on." The administration must look at much more than grades and evaluations to determine how well the college is succeeding. Assessments are also conducted on each major program, each department

within a major, consistency and departmental functions. The mission statement of the college is a key in determining the success of the college.

"When I am not in a meeting that door is open," Fishbein said pointing to his office door. Students should not hesitate on stopping by to ask questions or talk about issues. An open-door policy will make it much easier for students to feel at ease with the new dean.

Late Show with David Letterman

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Please contact Nancy Garrett, Special Events and Merchandising Manager at 802-583-6366 or e-mail at ngarrett@sugarbush.com

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SPORTS

Lady Hornets Struggle For Win

By Krystin Connolly

The women's soccer team opened their 2000 with a loss to Colby-Sawyer, and then proceeded on to a 8-0 drubbing of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and an 11-0 annihilation of conference team St. Joseph's of Vermont. In the five games since then, on three occasions, the ladies have been very close to wins, but have not been able to amass a victory. The women, who are a fair mix of veterans and younger players, look to be playing well, but have just run into some bumps in the road. Coach Tonya Davis was unavailable for comment on the first half of the season. Hopefully, the Hornets will play even better in the second half, and



their luck will change for the better.

Team members this season include: Seniors: Tara Bartlett, Sara Bartlett, Hale, Shauna Donna Wortheim; Juniors: Jill Gilardi, Ashley Golden; Sophomores: Christy Gould, Maggie Scott, Meghan Myrick, Leslie Sykes, Jessica Tetrault; Freshmen: Dubuque, Meghan Smith, Mientka, Lacy Tanisa Tunburgh, and Jessica Willis.

The ladies still have two home games left on the season, the 14th against Castleton, and the last on the 21st against Notre Dame College.

Hornet Men Playing Well

By Krystin Connolly

Approaching the mid-point of the season, the LSC men's soccer team is "playing a pretty good brand of soccer," according to Coach Skip Pound. Hornet's record currently stands at 2-5-1, with wins against Daniel Webster and Becker College and a tie against conference foe Castleton State. Pound is pleased with his team's effort, saying, "We've got a pretty good brand of athletes old and young. It's taken us awhile to get the pieces of the puzzle together." He also cited Juniors Nate Phelps, Scott Mckim, and 46 year-old sophomore Miles Etter as playing very well at their respective positions. He hopes his team will continue to gel and be right in the thick of the Mayflower Conference standings, as the bulk of their remaining schedule is against conference teams.

The Hornet men this year consist of Seniors: Pete Maneen, Mike Olsen, Mike Pelletier, and Kipp Smith; Juniors: Rich Dow, Andrew Featherstone, Scott McKim, Kevin O'Hara, Nate Phelps, Jeremy Wheeler, and Tim Zurowski; Sophomores: Randall Alexander, Kurt Aschenbach, Nick Cowdrey, Miles Etter, Elliot Fuller, and Jay Montoni; Freshmen: Allan Bishop, Pat Campbell, Jim

Champine, Gerrett Demos, Ian Pollard, and Morgan Wood.

The men's upcoming home contests are: the 14th against St. Joseph's College of Maine, and the 21st against Notre Dame College.

SPORTS

Women's Tennis: Strong in Numbers

By Krystin Connolly

With a team almost double in size of last year's, and a new head coach, the Hornet women's tennis team has a lot of spark. Head Coach Mary Lou Bell is proud of her team so far this season. "We have three new players on the team. One is

a senior and two are freshmen. They are a nice addition to the team."

Although the ladies post a losing record, "the team is stronger this year," according to Coach Bell. Senior Anne Nault is much improved, and senior newcomer Alison Chase has been playing strong. Both

have been swapping at the number one seed because the usual number one, Sabrina Matthews is injured, but on the road to recovery. Bell also commented that substitute turned regular player; Sara Richard "is our lifesaver to the team this year," as she has stepped in to different seeds on differ-

ent occasions.

Team members for the 2000 season include seniors: Anne Nault, Alison Chase, Sabrina Matthews, and Sara Richard; sophomore: Josephine Gianotti, and freshmen: Sara Benitez and Lorien Weinraub.

Cross Country Teams Off To Good Start

By Krystin Connolly

Head Coach Chris Ummer has seen both his men's and women's cross country teams start out at a steady pace this season. He hopes both teams will continue to improve and leave their competitors in the dust.

The women's team, who competed in the NAIA national tournament last year, has returned almost the same high caliber team plus a couple new key runners.

"We're really starting to see improvement," said Coach Ummer. Jen Quirion, Harvest Fadden, and Kate Labrecque have been the most consistent runners of this season, with Kelly Powers improved after missing a lot last year. "We've seen nice things out of everybody."

One of the biggest highlights so far this season

was when the Hornet ladies finished third out of sixteen teams during the Pop Crowell Invitational Gordon College Wenham, Massachusetts. It was their highest finish ever at the meet. Coach Ummer hopes his team will continue to come together and cites the University of Maine at Farmington as the team his women "need to gain ground on," as UMF has also improved.

Team members this season include seniors: Harvest Fadden, Fawn Grossi, and Kelly Powers; sophomores: Jen Quirion and Katie Murray; freshman: Heather Vieria; Transfer Sophomore: Katie Labrecque, and newcomer sophomore: Becky Hilton.

The Hornet men have been holding their ground as well, and won the University of New England Invitational in Biddeford, Maine for the first time on September sixteenth. Coach Ummer had much to say about his men's team. "We ran strong at the Pop Crowell Invitational," where the men finished second

Ummer also stated his men were just beginning to show signs of improvement. "We just started team work two weeks ago." He pointed out that Senior Andy St. Amour and Junior Randy Feeley are running very well because they trained very hard all summer, and his three through eight runners-Jon Dodge, Nic Savoie, James Currier, Matt Lagor, Chris Bouchard, and Andy Rhoades-are also running very well, separated by only twenty-nine seconds at Pop Crowell.

"I think LSC will have a chance to knock off Middlebury for state champions." This has never been

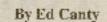
done before, but Ummer "thinks we can do it." He also has faith his men's team will be the team to beat in the regional.

Team members this season are: seniors: Jon Dodge, Andy St. Amour; juniors: James Currier, Nic Savoie, Randy Feeley, sophomore: Nathan Holst; Newcomers: Junior Transfers: Arthur Entwistle III and David Rebocho, and sophomores: Andrew Rohades, Matt Lagor, and Chris Bouchard.

Both the men and women's teams will vie to be the Mayflower Conference Champions on October 21 in home races. The women begin at 11 AM and the men at 11:45.

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Quotable Quote

"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't. '

Erica Jong

The Great Corn Maze

By Sarah Robbins

Looking for something fun to do this week? Why not grab a sweater and some friends and head out to the Great Corn Maze in Danville. The maze will be open daily from 10 a.m. until dusk through November 1. Don't forget to pack a lunch. The maze has a picnic area where you can stop and rest while taking in spectacular views of Mt. Washington and Franconia Notch. The cost is \$5.00 per person, but it is well worth it. It takes anywhere between 30 minutes and two hours to fight your way out of the labyrinth. Don't worry about being stranded overnight, there are "help" maps and emergency exits scattered amongst the different paths.

The maze, located on Patterson Farm, is not too far from campus. But you've got to be willing to take some dirt roads. From the Stonehenge parking lot take McGoff Hill Rd. all the way down to the stop sign. Take a right onto South Wheelock Rd. and follow it for about four miles. Take a left onto Burroughs Rd. (there will be a church on your right) and continue straight for three miles.

If you don't get a chance to trample through the corn this fall, you may have an opportunity to this winter. Granted that Mother Nature graces the North East Kingdom with the right conditions, the corn maze will become one of ice and snow.

For a list of special events and to see an Arial picture of the maze, visit The Great Maze web site: Http://www.vermontcornmaze.com

Horoscopes By Kelly Ramsey

Happy Birthday Libra!

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 23)

With the seductive qualities you have, you'll find yourself in situations where you shine. Co-workers respect your judgement, but may not do as you request?

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 21) Crucial social activities...

save it for the weekend, top prorities come first. Be creative with family situations, pay them a visit if you're close by, they miss you.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Don't harp on sensitive topics; leave them aside until a more appropriate time or a squabble could turn into a World War III standoff. Romance heats up.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You need to put energy into work. Watch for signs that there is forward movement in your life. Romance, financial and freedom are in the air.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Artistic talents must be displayed now. A controlling person could sabotage a friendship. Don't ignore parking tickets or credit card bills this month.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

Emerge from your emotional shell. Ask friends for advice. Take a practical approach to family and increase your tolerance. Be patient.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Focus on direction and motivation. Follow your intuition when a friend might wish to be more than a friend.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Save your hard earned money and you'll be able to buy that dream house for the two of you and live happily ever after.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Seductress Venus guides your love life all month. Nothing is set in stone, so take every issue with great precaution.

Cancer (June 21 - July 23) Rather than crawling back into your shell, go out and have some fun. If a friend asks for money, see how you can help them out.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 22)

Try to please those special people in your life you care about the most. They will love you for it.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

Allow your mind to imagine anything that you desire and it will come true. Expect last minute cancellations and handle them gracefully.

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NEWS Cold and Flu Season

by Sarah Robbins

The winter months are fast approaching and with them come all of the sniffles, aches and pains associated with the cold and flu. There are a few precautions you can take to ward off the unpleasant symptoms, but making it through the winter without any sign of illness is very uncommon, especially on a college campus in the Northeast Kingdom.

Many people often confuse a cold with the flu. They are both caused by viruses, but possess symptoms that can sometimes be confused. A stuffy nose, sneezing, a sore throat and a hacking cough most commonly accompany a cold. These symptoms may also lead to further complications such as sinus congestion or an earache.

Contracting the flu virus can turn a winter vacation into one of bed rest. According to the Better Homes and Gardens web site http://www.bhglive.com/health/colds/ htm, the flu can be distinguished from a cold by a characteristically high fever, which lasts for 3-4 days. The flu is also accompanied by fatigue, aches and pains, headache, chest discomfort and stuffy nose. It is important to monitor these symptoms since they can lead to bronchitis and pneumonia, which can be life threatening.

In the past, college students were encouraged to get an influenza shot to ward off a particular strain of the virus, but according to Janet Casey, a nurse at the brown house, "the supply is very, very low this year." Collegeaged students who are in good health are the age group who is least at risk. Elderly people over 65, along with young children, are the only ones being advised to get a flu shot.

Even though it is next to impossible to stay clear of a cold or the flu, there are a few precautions to take. Make sure to wash your hands throughout the day. Don't use other people's cups and utensils. And try to keep your distance from those who are showing signs of illness. Living in the residence halls puts a student at a higher risk of catching a cold or the flu. According to Nurse Casey, "If somebody gets it, it will spread through [residence halls] like wild fire."

Once sickness has plagued the body it needs to run its course. Besides temporary relief from over-the-counter

medications, there are a few other things that can be done to speed up the process. Drink plenty of water. It will keep you from becoming dehydrated and will also help to loosen mucus build up in the chest. Get plenty of rest. Constantly being on the go when you are sick will only make you feel more miserable. Providing the body with vitamin C such as orange juice, or through supplements, will help with the healing process. Supplying the body with vitamin C is said to cut the severity of symptoms in half.

If you end up with the flu this season, Nurse Casey urges people to "stay away from others if you feel lousy." The virus is spread easily through airborne particles of fluids when a person coughs or sneezes. Staying in bed, instead of going to class or work is a courteous choice to make. If symptoms become unbearable, or you feel they are out of control, call extension 6440 to make an appointment with Health Services.

Alpha Sigma Lambda

by Jamie Keough

A Lyndon State College student 25 years of age or older is elegible to join the Lyndon State College Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda.

It is a national honor society dedicated to helping the adult learner balance college life with families, jobs and other commitments.

Sean Peistrup, President of LSC's Alpha Sigma Lambda, said his goal is to plan seminars for members to help adult learners cope with struggles and learn how to manage stress.

In order to qualify for LSC's chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda an adult learner must have at least 25 credits, a 3.2 grade point average and be in the top 10% of class among fellow adult learners. An induction ceremony will be held in April 2001 for new members.

If you wish to find out more about Alpha Sigma Lambda contact Sean Peistrup by e-mail at asl_lsc@hotmail.com.

Open Forum Addresses Hate Crimes

by Sarah Robbins

The number of hate crimes occurring on campus is on the rise. According to Assistant Dean of Campus Life, Judy Raper, the number of hate crimes have tripled since last year. The harassment has taken shape in many forms including defacement of posters, graffiti on walls and threatening phone calls. Raper stated that 80 percent of these crimes are directed towards people of gay or lesbian origin. The other 20 percent targets women.

In an attempt to address the problem, an open forum entitled "Can We Have Civil Discourse About Civil Unions" was co-sponsored by Residential Life, Student Government and the Campus Climate Committee. The Campus Climate Committee acts as an advisory committee to President Moore. They deal with issues affecting tolerance, civility, human rights and diversity.

Upon entering the dining hall attendees were greeted by defaced posters. The posters contained degrading drawings and slurs aimed towards homosexuals. According to Residential Life, these posters are only a sample of

posters are only a sample of what has been collected over the past four weeks in the residence halls and the Harvey Academic Center.

In an introduction to the forum Samantha Freeman, president of student government stated the mission behind the forum was not to change peoples' opinions, but instead to find a way to coexist peacefully. In order to keep the meeting civilized Heather Keith, professor of philosophy, led the audience in establishing a list of rules to be followed throughout the night. Some of these rules included: no bashing, don't make assumptions and respect people after.

Many people in attendance were concerned with what kind of punishment is in place for hate crimes. Residential Life commented many times, "We are doing the best that we can". Individuals who are found guilty of committing hate crimes can expect to face an array of punishments including sanctions, fines, education and even expulsion.

Some people do not think these punishments are harsh enough. Suggestions were made towards bringing in the police. One student even voiced, "Bring in the FBI". The consensus seems to be that students need to be able to feel safe in the residence halls.

In order to prevent such incidents from happening education was said to be key. One suggestion from the audience entailed incorporating hate crime education into the General Education Unit. These classes are required for all new students and would be away to educate students about the diversity that exists not only at Lyndon State College, but all around the world.

Overall, the forum accomplished the task of remaining peaceful. Those in attendance were educated about the happenings on campus and seemed to be willing to do something about it. Judy Raper says the faculty has been very involved in this issue. Ernie Broadwater, from the Education Department, and

John Fitch, from the Psychology Department facilitated the forum.

Heather Keith closed the forum saying, "Nobody is alone on this campus. Nobody has to feel threatened, scared or alone".

According to Raper, the number of incidences has remained steady since the forum. She says, "It seems like students are confused between free speech and protective speech". There is a fine line between what one person sees as offensive and what another sees as an opinion. Raper is concerned about the hateful context within the speech.

In an email addressed to "LSC Student All", the Campus Climate Committee informed students of a new "bias-related incident proto-The email read, col". "When posters are defaced bias-related with hate speech, an R.I.P. (Respect, Integrity, and Pride) poster will be placed over it, laying the hate to rest. In addition, the committee will seen out monthly memos detailing what bias-related incidents have occurred that month". Another open forum is in the works for after the election.

These are some of the incidences that have occurred according to a campus wide e-mail sent by Judy Raper sent on Friday, November 3.

- * A total of ten posters were defaced around campus including posters for Women's Rugby, Campus Climate and Cross-Country. All comments placed on the posters targeted women or gays and lesbians.
- * In Whitelaw/Crev residence halls grafitti was found on walls on two separate occassions. In one instance the grafitti targeted women and gays and lesbians. In the second incident, gays and lesbians were targeted.
- * A staff member received harassing phone calls related to sexual orientation.
- * Two residential students received messages on their memo boards containing deragatory terms for gays and lesbians.
- * Two letters directed at the gay and lesbian community were posted in one of the residence halls. These contained vulgar descriptions of sexual acts among other offensive language.

Dean, Dwyer and Pollina Debate at LSC

by Melissa Morse Krystin Connolly

The campus Lyndon State College was swarming with excitement on Thursday, October 26 as the candidates for this year's gubernatorial debate arrived, surrounded by media representing every corner of Vermont. The debate, held the in Alexander Twilight Theater, consisted of all three candifor dates governor: Vermont's present governor of nine years Democrat Howard Dean, Republican candidate Ruth Dwyer, and Progressive candidate Anthony Pollina.

The crowd, which consisted of an equal number of supporters from both sides of the campaign, exceeded LSC's fire code regulations forcing security to turn away at least 100 people. Republican Ruth Dwyer's supporters flooded the area outside the theater with signs reiterating a few of Dwyer's campaign slogans, including "Take back Vermont" and "Remember in November". Whereas Howard Dean and Anthony Pollina supporters, alike, held banners that read "Support Tolerance" and "Embrace Diversity". These two opposing views in close proximity with each other provided the mood for the entire debate.

Marselis Parsons, news anchor for WCAX Channel 3, served as the moderator and opened the debate by introducing the candidates to the audience. After the candidates took their seats onstage, amid the

panelists from four well-known presses, they were given the order in which they would answer the questions directed from the panelists. The Burlington Free Press, Caledonian Record and the Associated Press were three of the four publications represented by journalists on the panel.

One of the most prevalent issues touched upon during the debate focused on reuniting Vermonters in light of diverse reactions to the Civil Union Bill passed earlier this year by Governor The first question required each candidate to discuss three steps they would take to reunite the state, regardless of their opinion on Civil Unions.

Dwyer explained that she would "try to focus on issues that worry all Vermonters, not just some, such as health care, education and the environment; talk as much about other people and their beliefs as we can and talk to Vermonters, as elected people, about tradition and things we all look for as future."

In response, Governor Dean stated that he would first "get past this election, bring the clergy together because they believe in reaching out to those left on the wayside and sit with the legislature to come to an agreement early on bills and not inflame tension of people who have been through so much."

Responding last to this question was Progressive candidate Anthony Pollina who, it appeared, had earned the admiration of the crowd, before the night had ended. Pollina articulated stance, saying he would try and unite Vermont by "sitting down with voters and talking about the situation the state faces and the state of the economy, leaving the state house and talking to people in towns and talking to young people to help them understand how the government can help them gain back their ideals."

Act 60 was another topic frequently brought to voter's attention throughout this campaign. When asked about how they would persuade towns such Victory, Stowe Manchester to participate in sharing with regard to Act 60, both Dean and Dwyer stood by their much-publicized position on this topic. Anthony Pollina, however, also held strong by his less well known convictions that we must discover "a way to fund education that is fair, while continuing to move toward a future goal of eliminating property tax from Vermont homes and replacing it with income tax."

As Vermont becomes a more developed and populated state, questions steadily arise concerning the preservation of our recreational areas, such as the Champion Lands. Within the crowded theater at

Lyndon State College, this concern did not go unnoticed. In response, Pollina declared his position upon this issue by bringing to our attention that "our need to continue to buy and preserve land is a signal that policies present failed." He went on to say, "Vermont has turned into a theme park, a place for tourists to visit. Preserving land is something we need to do."

Governor Dean echoed Pollina's opinion, stating that "we look at land conservation as what is important to our people. The Champion Land deal will forever allow hunting, fishing and snow-mobiling. This land is worked to be preserved through residents and is a good example of a partnership: the state owns it, the government owns it and the people own it. Everyone has a little piece of it. It works."

Dwyer, on the other hand, expressed her feeling on the matter, saying that "blue collar workers will always have a place for public lands and Vermont pours money into public lands at the expense of private land holders." She would rather "prefer to see us have a goal and do all things possible to allow people who own private land to keep it."

In the closing moments of the debate, each candidate had their chance to give a final speech to the conglomeration of voters sitting before them.

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LSC Meteorology Society Receives National Recognition

by Sarah Robbins

The Lyndon State College chapter of the American Meteorology Society was rewarded the title of "Chapter of the Year" at the beginning of October. This is the first time the national committee has honored this award.

Dina Freedman, president of the LSC chapter,

took upon the responsibility of applying for the title. A portfolio of accomplishments was put together and mailed off along with three essays. Freedman says they will continue to apply for the award, "hopefully we will get it again"!

According to the national committee, LSC's

American Meteorology Chapter has been deemed "a role model for all other chapters". Among their accomplishments, AMS sponsors the Northeastern Storm Conference, as well as an annual science fair. "Even though we are a small school, we get our members involve," stated Freedman. Tracy McCormick, secretary of LSC's chapter, will be attending the 81st annual AMS conference held in Albuquerque, NM to accept the award.

Debate

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With each speech came individual promises and guarantees for a better Vermont, whether it is through educational funding, health care issues or the Civil Union Bill.

Dwyer and Dean did business as usual, stating their opposing opinions on many matters discussed at length during the debate. It was Anthony Pollina, in the end, who spoke to the people that may have entered the theater a little unsure about which way to vote, and may have wound up taking some of those unsure votes home with him.

As Pollina stated, in his closing remarks, "this election is about us, as where we're going as a state. Who's best prepared to mend fences? This election is about having to pick the lesser of two evils and I'm worrying if Vermont will be as divided, if not more so than it is now, on and after November 8."

The polls told the story.

NEASC Members Visit LSC

by Renee Sayers

On Wednesday, October 25th, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges visited Lyndon State College. The NEASC committee determines the state of the college and evaluates the school for reaccredidation. Bruce Berryman, Associate Dean of Academics, said, "[The NEASC committee] visits to verify the report we write about ourselves. They did verify the report and found it to be accurate."

Following this visit the college received an exit summary, where the committee summarizes its findings. Berryman said, "The summary only lasted about thirty minutes, but it allows us to rest easy while we wait for the written report." In March, the college receives the NEASC committee written report. "The committee was really quite impressed with the quality of people working here and their dedication." said

Last year Lyndon State delayed the reaccredidation process to "allow things to settle down and implement some changes. Now Berryman says, "Last

Berryman.

year the school was in such transition...[the committee] would not have gotten a good view of the school. Now the school has settled down and put things into place, and the committee can see what we are really about."

Among Lyndon State's recent changes are a president, Carol Moore, a new Dean of Academic Affairs, and the new general education program. "There has been some new activities on campus and within academics. [The school] is trying to work on enrollment, which is two parts, retainment and getting new students," Berryman said.

Reaccredidation which determines the merit of a college's credits, takes place every ten years. The **NEASC** committee assesses the school on criteria including academics, faculty, finances, and integrity. The process takes about a First the college year. writes a self-evaluation, which is a collaborative effort from a college committee of faculty and administration. Then the evaluation is followed by a visit and later a written asses

ment of the college.

As for the merit of Lyndon's education future, Berryman said, "What the committee wants to see is a school that knows itself. We do...we know our strengths and weaknesses and we know how to address them. In the future, we will continue to work on our weaknesses and keep our strengths."

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Eric Berry New Men's Basketball Coach

by Krystin Connolly

A new face will be seen along the sidelines of Stannard Gymnasium this winter sports season. Eric Berry, LSC graduate and radio sports voice for WGMT and The Notch, will head up the Hornet men's basketball team.

The job became available after former coach Mike Maxwell resigned in

the middle of last season. Berry remarked that he let his interest in the job be known to Athletic Director Skip Pound before last season ended and that "I[he] wanted to get back into coaching." Both Pound and Chris Ummer interviewed Berry for the job.

Looking to his new team, Berry said, "the group

of individuals that want to return and play are a strong group of individuals. The core group of them are dedicated to becoming better and a winner and drive me also."

Berry's previous coaching experience included eight years at Lyndon Institute. During this coaching stint, he also directed his

own "Viking Basketball Camp" in the summer.

He said, "I feel I have something to offer to the men," and added, "going back to my alma mater was the icing on the cake."

Lyndon State College 2000-2001 Ice Hockey Schedule

11/11/2000 @ Lyndon vs. Holy Cross 6:30

11/18/2000 @ New London, CT Lyndon vs. Coast Guard 9:15

12/2/2000 @ New London, CT Lyndon vs. Connecticut College 7:45

12/3/2000 @ Worchester, MA Lyndon vs. Holy Cross 7:00

12/8/2000 @ Lyndon vs. Cost Guard 9:15

1/19/2001 @ Lyndon vs. Franklin Pierce 9:15

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1/26/2001 @ Lyndon vs. Western Conn. College 9:15

1/27/2001 @ Bridgewater, MA Lyndon vs. Bridgewater State 8:00

2/2/2001 @ Lyndon vs. Connecticut College 9:15

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2/9/2001 TBA

2/10/2001 @ Worcester, MA Lyndon vs. Springfield College 4:00

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Rugby at LSC

by Krystin Connolly

The Rugby Club is back in full throttle at LSC after being suspended for a period of time because of some disciplinary concerns. The masterminds behind the resurfacing of the club are Nic Savoie and Joe Somma, who reinstated the club last winter, raised campus interest in the sport, and scored a budget.

According to Club Vice President Scott Vibert, "this has been a building year. We have a lot of freshmen and people who haven't played very much at all." However, these guys are happy to be playing, although injuries and inexperience make the contests against other teams tougher.

The men, who have a record of 0-3, have their last match of this fall season November fourth at home against Green Mountain College. "It should be a good match," said Vibert.

Team members for this season include: Scott Vibert, Tom Korsak, Craig Assad, Bill Van Gorp, Joe Somma, Robbie Brusch, Corey Gilbert, Joe Lima, Jared Locke, Mike Asselin, Logan Jones, Elia Nichols, Tim Monahan, Jimmy Ray, Matt Carrier, AJ Seibel, Jesse Vecchione, Banovic, Krishna and Kelley.

There is also a women's rugby club trying to regroup, and they are looking for interested women. Any women, and any men interested in finding out more about rugby can contact Scott Vibert at lscrugby@yahoo.com.

Cross Country Teams Win Mayflower Conference

by Krystin Connolly

With the end of the cross-country season fast approaching, both the Hornet teams have managed to maintain a strong and steady pace, with their most recent victories being the Mayflower Conference Championships held at LSC on October 21st.

For the men, Randy Feeley was outstanding, winning his second individual title in two years while setting a new course record. Finishing in the next four respective spots behind Feeley for a perfect team score were Andy St. Amour, Matt Lagor, Nic Savoie, and James Currier.

Coach Ummer was extremely pleased with his

men saying, "we're so much stronger than Johnson, Castleton, and Green Mountain."

On the women's side, Jen Quirion matched Feeley, winning her second title in two years. Harvest Fadden and Kate Labrecque crossed the finish line in the second and third positions. Ummer remarked that in the last two races his women have been running very strong.

On October 6th, both teams competed in the Vermont State Championships. Feeley was also impressive in this race, finishing first and setting a new course record. Andy St. Amour and Nic Savoie also ran well.

According to Coach Ummer, whose team finished second overall, "thebig thing is, our top six or seven are running well." He also pointed out sophomore Matt Lagor has begun to come into his own, moving up to the third position on the team. He will be a key runner in the regional and national meets. He is confident his men are the team to beat in the regionals and will compete well in the nationals.

The Lady Hornets finished third overall and "ran pretty well, "according to Ummer. Jen Quirion led the way for Lyndon, finishing 18th. Harvest Fadden was two behind, and Becky

Hilton finished 25th. Ummer believes his women have their work cut out for them at the regional against rival U-Maine Farmington. However, he said, "the women are starting to really improve significantly and are gaining ground on Farmington who are flattening out." A full seven-person team effort is expected at the regional meet, which will be a "nail biter, the way it should be."

"It is an exciting time of the year," Ummer remarked.

Lyndon State College 2000-2001 Women's B-ball Schedule

* 11/12 HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE @ 1:00

11/17 Rivier Anna Maria College Tournament @ 6:00

11/18 Rivier Anna Maria College Tournament @ 1:00 or 3:00

11/28 St. Joseph's College, ME @ 5:30

* 12/2 BECKER COLLEGE @ 2:00

12/5 Norwich University @ 7:00

12/9 Daniel Webster College @ 2:00

12/10 Castleton State College @ 1:00

12/13 Johnson State College @ 5:30

*Home Games

Lyndon State College 2000-2001 Men's B-ball Schedule

* 11/11 U. of MAINE @ PRESQUE ISLE @ 1:00

* 11/12 HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE @ 3:00

11/18 Rivier Anna Maria College Tournament @ 8:00

11/19 Rivier Anna Maria College Tournament @ 1:00 or 3:00

11/28 St. Joseph's College, ME @ 7:30

* 11/30 VERMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE @ 7:00

* 12/2 BECKER COLLEGE @ 4:00

* 12/4 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE @ FARMINGTON @ 5:30

12/10 Castleton State College @ 3:00

12/13 Johnson State College @ 7:30

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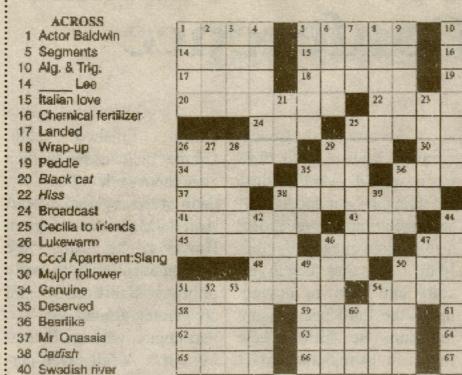
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Cooking Corner

Since the majority of Lyndon's residence halls no longer come equipped with stoves, students must look to other means of cooking. Turn to this page in every issue to discover new ways to cook your favorites using a microwave.

Precautions: Do not use a baking dish made of metal. Make sure the pan fits in microwave before beginning.

Beer Bread:

2 c self-rising flour

11 c flour

3 tb sugar

12 oz beer

11 tb butter; softened

cornflake crumbs

Mix together all ingredients. Spray a glass loaf pan with cooking spray; sprinkle pan with crumbs. Spoon batter into pan and top with butter. Sprinkle top lightly with cornflake crumbs. Microwave on Medium for 9 minutes, then on High for 2 minutes. Let cool.

Fudae:

1 Ib confectioners sugar

1/2 c cocoa

1/4 c milk

1/2 c butter or margarine

1 tb vanilla

1/2 c walnuts (optional)

Blend sugar and cocoa into 8x8 inch pan. Top with butter. Pour milk over butter. DO NOT STIR! Microwave on High for 2 minutes. Stir well. Add vanilla and nuts, and stir until blended. Refrigerate until set. This can be made in a bowl and then transferred into a buttered pan before refrigeration.

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Critic Experiences Renaissance

By Marina Cole

Since taking my position as the newest editor of *The Critic*, I have had to listen to a lot of negative – even downright nasty – comments about our student newspaper. Such comments have ranged from the gentle, "Good luck...you'll need it!" to "What makes you think I'd want to write for a crappy paper like that?" All I can do is smile, because these people obviously do not know me very well.

To state it nicely, our paper has not been living up to its potential lately, but I do not intend for it to keep suffering so. The Lyndon State College community can expect to see a new and constantly improving Critic on campus every-other Monday morning, a Critic with little fluff and lots of news. You can also expect never again to read an editorial this soft for as long as I am editor. Instead, I will take it upon myself to rail against what I believe to be the problems plaguing our school and our community. I am not seeking to focus solely on the negative, but to fix problems you must identify and face them, not pretend they do not exist. Luckily, I have no work-study job to lose, so I feel safe in exercising my freedom of speech. I encourage people to disagree, or agree, with my opinions, but do so in a letter to the editor rather than in a hallway conversation.

Since this will be my only fluffy editorial, I am going to take the opportunity to thank Alan Boye, the Critic advisor, for his help in getting the paper off to a good start this semester. Also, hats off to the Critic staff. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of students working on our newspaper. LSC's Student Government, both House and Senate, deserve my thanks, too, for excusing The Critic's absences, giving us back our voting power in House, and lifting our budget freeze. We would not be publishing without

their support.

No thanks are going out to those students and staff who have tried to keep The Critic down in the dump with their negativity or lack of interest in what we are trying to accomplish. I speak especially to Frank Doldo, who refused to comment about his impending departure from the LSC community and who also refuses to forward The Critic's e-mail to me. I encourage students, staff, and faculty to e-mail messages intended for The Critic to my personal e-mail address, colem@mail.lsc.vsc.edu. Do not use the old critic@mail address if you want to be sure we receive your message.

That said, I am quitting this editorial to work on the one which will be included in our next issue. Consider yourselves forewarned: it will be a crap-cutting, finger-pointing, critical editorial if ever there was one, so get your pens, pencils, and PC's ready. I want to see a flood of letters under the *Critic* office door in response!

24 hour Lab Is Color By Default

By Amanda McDermott

For a while now the 24 hour lab printer has been set to print to color by default. Now why it is that way, it is simply due to an error.

But never fear even though color copies cost .50 cents a page, you have to go to ITC and request the file you just sent to be printed. So lucky for some of us who didn't realize the printer was sent to color and clicked print more that 10 times before we realized where our documents got sent.

After talking with Mike Dente of ITC, he informed me that the problem will be fixed with in the week.

So let this be a little lesson to check you printer destination box before sending it to print.

Computer Help desk Company Coming to Campus

Will Moore let LSC's grip on academics slip as she reaches for revenue?

By Sarah Robbins Marina Cole

Vermont State Colleges has signed a solutions (SOS), a Canadian-based computer help desk company looking to establish branches in the United States. The for-profit company will be pioneered on the Johnson State College campus, and if successful will be administered at Lyndon State College as soon as the Fall semester, said LSC President Carol Moore.

According to Moore, the most attractive feature of this alliance is the fact that students will have the opportunity to work part-time on campus "for very competitive wages." The ease of getting to the job site, the chance to add to a resume, and the educational aspects of the work will attract students to SOS, Moore said.

Student workers may also have the option of earning credit for the work they do for SOS. Johnson State will be reviewing the company's training program as well as the actual work students will be doing to determine the educational merit of such an arrangement. Moore is unsure exactly how credit would be awarded at LSC, or what departments might choose to do so, though it would have to be faculty approved in the same manor as other internships.

The revenue generated will be used to boost LSC's total budget, said Moore. Student On-Site Solutions has agreed to give a percentage of their annual profits directly to the college. Moore expects to use the money to purchase equipment and fund programs. Moore denied the rumor that SOS would be providing an additional per-head amount for each student employed.

The possibility of Student On-site
Solutions coming to LSC has become a
controversial topic among the faculty.
Tim Sturm, co-chair of the education
department, stated, "the mission of the
college, as far as I can determine, is not to
benefit for-profit businesses, but to educate students." He is concerned that academic classes will become second in spatial needs since the college will be under
contract to supply SOS with sufficient
space. In a message from Moore, sent via
e-mail on Wednesday, February 7, she
states that SOS will need "space equivalent to the size of a classroom and the

ability to recruit, hire, and train students as help desk personnel in their organization."

Sturm believes "there must be an alternative motive on the part of the company." If a for-profit company is located on a college campus they are bi-passing the need to rent industrial space downtown and the responsibility of paying taxes on the space rented. Sturm suggests it would be just as easy for SOS to use student talents at an off campus site and shuttle the students there.

Another issue involves whether locating a for-profit business on state property is a legal act. Businesses are subject to property taxes while colleges pay no such taxes. Moore was certain there had been no breach of property tax laws. "We would never have pursued this if there had been a breach of laws," she responded. She added that the business would pay usual taxes as per their service contract.

The lack of space, Moore believes, is the biggest challenge to locating SOS on the LSC campus. "There will have to be shifts in space utilization," she stated. Although the lease for the Lyndon Children's Center will not be renewed in six months, Moore said there had been "no decision" yet to locate SOS in that building. LCC had been looking for a new space, she claimed, though it is possible they will have an "option to stay based on Campus Planning Committee" recommendations.

According to the SOS web site (www.sos.ca), their service is a substitute for a company's Information Technology (IT) team. "Why pay a full time salary to have your company's IT systems managed," SOS asks, "when a SOS Account Manager can coordinate our team of 30-40 bonded Consultants and resolve a much broader variety of problems on a regularly scheduled basis?"

Moore describes the company as more of a "training organization than a technical organization" in that they focus on providing training services to businesses rather than actual technical assistance. Linda Hilton, Assistant Dean of Information Technology, said SOS will not be able to replace the current IT staff at LSC because there is always a need for someone able to physically access computers on campus. Not all problems can be solved from a distance. However, the company may be able to supply the campus with access to a 24 hour a day, seven day a week help desk.

SOS FAST FACTS

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...employs approximately 30 students part time
...had served 2,000 plus clients
...is based in Toronto, Canada
...charges between \$45 and \$80 an hour for its services
...is the brainchild of CEO Don
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The above facts are taken from SOS's website, www.sos.ca * from the SOS company profile at strategis.gc.ca

LSC Student Files Lawsuit Against College

By Jennifer Manley

T SC sophomore Jacob "Jake" Fortes feels he is facing "administrative retaliation" for speaking out against the college, and he now wants the press and the public to gain access to his disciplinary hearing. Fortes invited The Caledonian-Record into his hearing and signed away his FERFA rights, which protect student privacy. The college still refused to open the hearing, claiming in a letter to The Caledonian-Record that "the college maintains its institutional interest in the privacy of such proceedings." February 14th, Fortes teamed up with The Caledonian-Record and filed a lawsuit in Vermont State court asking for a ruling that would require the college to open his and other disciplinary hearings to the pub-

All of this comes in the shadow of a preexisting case filed against the Vermont State College system by The Caledonian-Record, which seeks essentially the same end. The newspaper feels that "the public has a right to know what happens in cases of students accused of crimes, especially violent or sexual ones." The paper had sought a temporary injunction to allow the press at Fortes' scheduled hearing. However, the college voluntarily delayed the hearing, previously scheduled for February 15th, therefore making the injunction a moot point.

The hearing, which would have dealt with accusations that Fortes attempted to hack into the LSC computer system, was delayed, according to The Caledonian-Record, until such time that the "underlying legal issues" of the lawsuit have been resolved. According to the LSC Dean of Academic Affairs, Michael Fishbein, it is not a matter of choice, but a matter of legality, as federal law disallows the opening of such disciplinary hearings. Fishbein said that the Fortes case was "only incidental" to the larger issue and declined further comment.

Fortes claims that he can prove the accusations against him are false and contends that the evidence against him "would not hold up in a real court." Furthermore, he contends that he is essentially being punished for speaking out against the college.

Last Fall, he was involved in the creation of a website whose author and content was discovered by the administration. The website, entitled "Lyndonsucks," critiques the college on several fronts, ranging from the quality of the dining hall to the general education program and the closed door policy of disciplinary hearings, particularly those involving last year's spree of bias related incidents, or hate crimes. Fortes believes that the accusations of computer hacking, which he claims he has verifiable evidence to refute, are simply "a form of harassment about the website."

Fortes is already on RA probation until the end of the semester for using the college logo with a line through it on his website. Fortes voluntarily removed the logo from the website in December, but received a letter upon his return to campus after break requiring him to attend a hearing on the matter. Due to his probation, another disciplinary action will likely cost him his position as a Resident Assistant.

Fortes believes that speaking out against the college was what cost him his work-study job in President Carol Moore's office. He recalls being personally terminated by Moore on December 14th for his attitude toward the college. He has attempted to get the press involved in his case because he believes "if I didn't get the public involved in this, [LSC] could have railroaded me right out of the RA position."

According to The Caledonian-Record, Fortes' case against the college will be dealt with separately from the newspaper's case against VSC, despite the fact that they involve many of the same issues. Meanwhile, his hearing has been postponed until further notice. Fortes feels that his actions will make a difference at LSC and hopes that the administration will "start paying attention to what the students want."

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Policy 101

VSC Faculty Concerned With New Self-evaluation Policy

By Naomi Roy

The revision of the Vermont State Colleges' Policy 101 has faculty of the VSC system wondering what the focus really is

Policy 101 outlines how the state colleges will evaluate their programs. The January 29, 2001 revision of Policy 101 states that the Board of Trustees will establish guidelines for two complementary program reviews: the Academic Program Review and the Annual Enrollment Review. These will determine how well the programs "demonstrate high quality through student outcomes and contribute to the academic and financial viability of the college and system." Programs will also receive annual enrollment review to determine which programs are "low-enrolled," thus receiving additional review at the college and system levels.

According to the January revision, these policies will affect the graduate, baccalaureate, and associate degree programs, and credit bearing certificate programs over 35 credits.

In an e-mail to the VSC Board of Trustees dated December fifth, the Executive Council of the Faculty Assembly at Castleton State College outlined concerns that the "standards for low-enrolled programs are purely quantitative and they do not reflect the quality of the program." They also worried that "this quantitative review would not reflect the interests of Vermont taxpayers who support a state college system with many program selections."

There is also concern that the old Policy 101 aspects will be forgotten. These aspects were more about the quality of the programs themselves. According to the old version of Policy 101, the purpose of the policy is to ensure that the programs kept "a comprehensive approach to providing educational services as a system, strengthening academic planning and evaluation to make maximum use of available resources to meet the standards of Vermont and Vermonters for post-secondary education; to strengthen services, academic quality, diversity, and responsiveness."

In an e-mail from Cynthia Baldwin, Chair of the LSC Faculty Assembly, to LSC President Carol Moore, the LSC faculty expressed appreciation for the fact that the existing policy has a "formative evaluation" of the programs, but they ask that equal weight be given to the review of the "essential character" of each college.

Literary Society to Publish Lyndon Review

By Lesley Jenne

The Lyndon Review, Lyndon State College's literary magazine, will be completed by mid-March, said Chandler Gilman, advisor to the Literary Society.

When asked what made the Lyndon Review so special, Gilman said, "The Review is a genuine student publication. While faculty, staff, and community members contribute, students choose what gets accepted and how it all gets laid out. It is a showcase for the best writing and the best artwork that Lyndon students produce."

The Lyndon Review accepts all types of artwork, from photography to black and white art, as well as fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Gilman said, "What we look for in all submissions are genuine fresh insights, something that expresses a kind of truth in a surprising way."

When asked how he personally feels about the Review, Gilman responded, "It is probably the most important responsibility I have here at Lyndon. Imagine a college that did not distinguish between the excellent and the humdrum; the Review does not publish everything and anything. We look for the best that Lyndon students can produce, and I think that the magazine gets better every year."

The Review began in 1987 under Creative Writing Specialist J. L. Haddaway. Now the Lyndon Review, produced by the Literary Society, is student run. The Editors in Chief are Dana Amey and Brad Ross. Under Amey and Ross are the fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and art editors, and officers of the Lit. Society: president, vice-president, and treasurer. Gilman will be collecting applications for the position of Editor in Chief for next year. Interested students are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity.

When the Lyndon review is accepting submissions, do not let the opportunity pass you by. If you are secretly a poet at heart, have a knack for prose, or are interested in getting your artwork published, here is your chance. When the Review comes out, buy a copy and take a look. You are sure to find much to be proud of in the work of your peers.

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WWLR Overcomes
Equipment Damage,
Lack of DJ's to Rock
LSC Again.

By Tim DeHoff

The Impulse 91.5, LSC's radio station, is up and running again this semester. The Impulse has had its share of hard times, from a pipe bursting above the station and damaging all the equipment, to transmitter problems, but it always seems to pull through. "Everything is running okay," reports Music Director, Chuck King. This is the first time in approximately a year that the Impulse will be on the airwaves for a full semester, at least at night.

Being one of only a few radio stations in the Northeast Kingdom, the Impulse has one of the biggest listenerships in the area. However you may have noticed that sometimes during the day you can turn the radio on and set the dial to 91.5 and hear nothing but static. This is the latest problem plaguing the station, due to the lack of DJs. These openings in the station are occurring during the hours of formatted shows, which run from six in the morning to six in the evening. During a formatted show, the DJ just basically plays what is on the list and tells the listeners what they are hearing. It is one of the easiest jobs at the station, because there is no need to worry about what to play. The DJ simply shows up and puts CD's in the CD player, or whatever the form of playback happens to be. After that the DJ is done (after his or her three-hour shift is up, of course).

So why aren't students jumping at the chance to fill these formatted hours? "I just don't have time for it," said Brian Mayher. Perhaps this time constraint is a problem for students at Lyndon State, though there are many DJs willing to do unformatted shows.

The hours from six at night to three in the morning are unformatted hours for the station, meaning that the DJ can play whatever he or she wants to. If you turn your dial to 91.5 during these hours, you can hear two or three students on the air at one time. "The purpose of the station is to bring a genre of music to the area that is currently not here," said King. King feels this is why people are choosing these hours over formatted ones, since they can play the genre of music they are most interested in.

"I can play what I want," states station veteran Pete Emerson, "and it makes it more of the student's voice."

While less popular with DJ's, the formatted hours have a definite purpose, that being to give those students that want to participate with the station the experience of being a DJ before they play what they want during unformatted hours. If you want to get your student voice heard eventually, stop in at the station, located on first floor Vail, and see what hours are available. Who knows? Eventually you might become LSC's own version of Howard Stern.

Lolli Leaves Position as Dean of Admissions

By Jennifer Manley

In an email dated Feb.12, President Carol Moore announced the impending departure of the LSC Dean of Admissions, Dr. Anthony Lolli. Lolli has been working with Admissions for only a year and a half, but plans to leave at the close of the academic year. President Moore expressed regret at his departure and encouraged the faculty to join her in wishing him well.

In his time here, Lolli has worked toward a variety of goals which he said included bringing the student body from 1180 students up to its "critical mass" of 1300 students, as well as identifying and capturing potential growth markets for recruitment while maintaining the college's foundation in existing markets. While he seemed pleased at this year's accomplishments, including LSC's new online virtual tour and electronic application, he admitted that the process of growth is a slow one and the long term goal, attracting the largest number of students with the smallest amount of money, remains a challenge. Though he did not comment about the negative aspects of his experiences at LSC, Lolli said he would "miss a number of the friends I've made here."

Lolli was also unwilling to talk about why he was leaving or what his future endeavors might include. When asked whether he might stay in the business of higher education, he replied "anything is possible." Dean of administration, Wayne Hamilton is currently conducting the search for a new dean to replace Lolli.

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Men Hornet Hoopsters Defying Preseason Polls

By Jamie Norton

The Lyndon State College Men's basket-ball team was predicted to finish no higher that last place in the Mayflower Conference pre-season coaches' poll back in November. Oh, how wrong they all were. Most of those coaches are now looking up in the standings at the 14-8, second-place Hornets as the regular season is drawing to a close.

"[The Poll[definitely affected us," first year coach Eric Berry said. "It's provided inspiration for us throughout the year. Even before the Green Mountain game [on February 1] we pulled [the poll] out and showed them that Green Mountain was No. 1 and we were No.7, and that changed."

The result: Lyndon wrecked GM (Green Mountain) 97-78 for its first defeat of the Eagles in 15 years, a losing streak of more than thirty games. That was one of many highlights of the season that included an 8-2 first half, a five-game winning streak, and a period of time in the NAIA Division II Top 25 national rankings.

And that's just for team highlights. The Hornets boast four players who average double figures in scoring, two of whom reached the 1,000-point plateau for their careers this season. They also have gotten major contributions from their bench.

"We're getting a lot of great play out of several different players," Berry said. "We've got good balance, being with scoring or leadership or defense... we've got ten guys on our roster and all ten are contributing, which says a lot about the mental toughness of our team and how hard they've worked throughout the season."

Senior captains Joe Layn and Jim Nelson both reached 1,000 career points this season, Layn reaching the plateau in Lyndon's 65-63 overtime victory at the College of St. Joseph's in his hometown of Rutland, Vt. Nelson reached the milestone with a three-pointer a few games later. Layan was averaging 14.8 points per game through February 7, while Nelson's average was 14.1. Sophomores Pete Camp and Gregg Rose are sure to join them in the 1,000-point club by the time their respective LSC careers are over. Camp, the team's starting point guard, was averaging 12.2 points per game, while Rose was leading the team in scoring at 15.4 points per game. Camp is the team's leader in assists, while Nelson is its top rebounder.

All of the Hornets' individual contributions have translated into a 14-8 season. On top of that they are 7-4 against Mayflower Conference opponents and have hopes of winning out the rest of the season and clinching the No. 2 seed and a home game in the first round of the playoffs. But Berry knows that they have their work cut out for them.

"Our conference is unbelievable," he stated. "Anybody can beat anybody, and if you don't come to play, you're in trouble... every opponent we play we can beat, but it's a matter of showing up and doing it on the court."

We're going to have to play well to beat every team we play. It's just that way for us- we're not a dominating team...[winning] doesn't come easy to us. Hopefully our bench and our depth will be a factor for us in the playoffs, and if it is a good factor, then I see us doing really well."

In The Cheap Seats

By Jamie Norton

He's Baaaaaack

No, its not Jordan. It's not Gretzky. Its not even Weiss (Walt Weiss, that is, the Atlanta Braves' shortstop who recently retired). It's Jamie Norton, former *Critic* Sports Editor (I like to capitalize that title so I sound important) who, just three semesters ago, introduced his column "In the Cheap Seats" to the lovely land of Lyndon.

I took an indefinite leave of absence from this duty to explore other options in my writing career (namely submitting no less than six works to our own Lyndon Review, only to feel the cold shoulder of rejection on ALL of them). But when things didn't work out so swimmingly, I decided to come back and reclaim my post.

So without further adieu, I will re-establish my voice on both local and professional sports. I will provide a column in every issue of the *Critic* that offers opinion, humor, and occasional insight on the world of sports, so as not to disappoint my faithful readers (all two of you-Mom and Dad).

Whereas in most columns I will focus on a single particular topic, in this, since I have already wasted so much space, I will offer my views on a variety of recent issues that have either been an inspiration or an irritation to me. Ok they are mostly irritations, but read on.

- The Super Bowl: one of the lowest television ratings in Super Bowl history.
- * The World Series: one of the lowest television ratings in the World Series history. What did they have in common? New York teams. Yeah, these teams have been great, but does anyone outside of the Big Apple really care?
- * The Los Angeles Lakers aren't the team they where last year, and Kobe Bryant can't understand why. Maybe he should stop taking 40 shots a game and think about it. Shaq wasn't the MVP of absolutely everything last year for no reason.
- The World All-Stars scored an incredible 12 goals in the NHL All-Star game on February 4th. This would be an amazing accomplishment, except that the North American All-Stars scored 14. The 26 goals were an all-time All-Star game record for goals. A 14-12 hockey game? That's almost as ludicrous as a 5-4 soccer game.
- * Is any baseball player worth \$252 million? Apparently the Texas Rangers think Alex Rodriguez is. Meanwhile, Montreal Expos pitcher Matt Blank (don't worry I've never heard of him either) was paid \$200,000 to appear in 13 games for Montreal and post a 5.14 ERA. Which is the bigger injustice? Paying \$25 million per year to an established superstar who is proven to fill the seats and help the team reach post-season, or paying \$200,000 (more than most doctors make) to someone who sits the bench drinking Gatorade and takes the mound once every 12 days?
- ★ On a more local note, our own Lyndon State College men's basketball team is having a remarkable season. After being predicted to finish last in their conference before the season, they have battled their way to a 13-7 record (7-3 in the Mayflower Conference) and are second place with a home playoff game within spitting distance. If they make that possibility a reality, come and cheer them on.

Well that'll just about wrap things up for this edition of "Cheap Seats." Until next time, so long...so short.

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- 40. Viscount (abbr.)
- 42. Mean
- 44. Hasp
- 46. Catch sight of
- 48. Pot

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On the last day of kindergarten, all the children brought presents for their teacher.

The florist's son handed the teacher a gift. She shook it, held it up and said "I bet I know what it is . It's some flowers!"

"That's right!" shouted the little boy.

Then the candy store owner's daughter handed the teacher a gift. She held it up, shook it and said "I bet I know what it is . It's a box of candy!"

"That's right!" shouted the little girl.

The next gift was from the liquor store owner's son. The teacher held it up and saw that it was leaking. She touched a drop with her finger and tasted it.

"Is it wine?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered. The teacher touched another drop to her tongue.

"Is it champagne?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered.

"What is it?"

"A puppy!"

Cartoon Wanted

The Critic is looking for a staff cartoonist. Students with artistic abilities and a good since of humor are encouraged to contact the editor. Even if you can't draw so well, computers can, so we'll fix up your cartoon to look great. If you'd like to see your work in print, call The Critic at ext. 6215 or e-mail us at colem@mail.lsc.vsc.edu or mail to The Critic at LSC Box 7951, Lyndonville, Vt 05851.

A Big Congratulations is in Order to all the Students Who Worked so Hard to make Deans List for the Fall Semester

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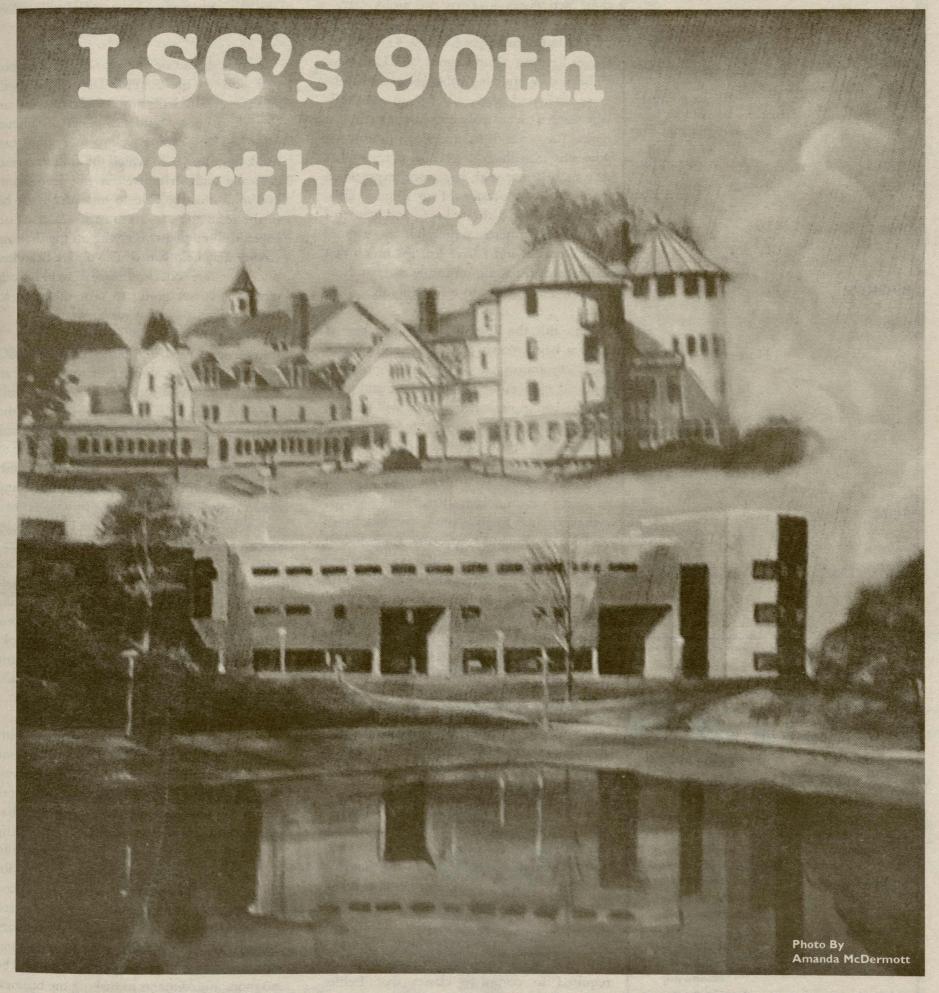
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ing in English classes taught by professors who not only possessed the skills I wanted, but had proven their talents by publishing their own works of poetry and prose. In my two years here, my English pro-

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In my two years here, my English professors have not disappointed me. They have all been very knowledgeable about their subject matter, and nearly all of them are excellent teachers who truly care about their students. I have yet to have an English professor who was unwilling to go out of his or her way to help me with my work, even when that work was outside of an English class. Thanks to these dedicated men and women I am not only a better writer, but also a more careful reader, and I have learned much that will be worth passing on to my own students when I leave college to teach English.

Despite this, the English Department here at LSC is being slowly but purposefully worn away. Professors are leaving and not being replaced, choices are being limited, and policies are being implemented that will make it legitimate to keep cutting the department down in the future. With this current trend, I have to wonder how long it will be before students are deprived of the experience I am gaining. It is a question that should be worrying not just English professors but every student on campus, especially English and Journalism majors. How will we be perceived in years ahead as we search for work? Will employers question our skills if we are the last graduates of a department that was abandoned?

Since entering LSC, I have witnessed cuts in faculty as well as classes. An English major hoping to focus her studies in a particular area will be sorely disappointed because course offerings have made that a non-option. There are not enough professors to offer a range wide enough to accommodate a selection within categories. For example, Shakespeare II was dropped from course offerings this year, and many other classes will not be offered next year due to the fact that Buck Beliles' position will not be filled while he is on sabbatical.

Beliles' unfilled position is causing big problems for some English majors who are required to complete classes that Beliles teaches for graduation. These students will be forced to create schedules around when they can get in the necessary courses, and if that proves impossible, they will have to take the poor option of classes via satellite at VIT, or have requirements waived. It does not seem fair to force students into such a position, making them worry that graduation might be denied because our fearless leaders do not feel English is a department worthy of strong support. The very fact that graduation requirements might be waived shows how unnecessary some people must feel English skills to be.

Is English Dept. being hustled out

back door?

It should not have to be pointed out that cuts to the English Department will affect every student, not just those who are English majors. Students in all disciplines must be able to write well to succeed. I can think of no major in which the ability to read critically and write well is not important: everyone must be able to interpret what he or she reads and express himself or herself on paper at some point. Relying on the Writing Center may help you while you are here, but once you are out in the real world, your employer is not going to take the time to proofread your every piece of writing.

Of course, as we are so often reminded, LSC is bound by financial restraints; there is not an infinite amount of money to spend on professors and course offerings. We must use the money we have as wisely as we can. We must have big screen TV's in the Student Center to attract students for whom 'cutting English classes' will only refer to what they are doing when they should be learning how to write a coherent sentence. We must have lobby floors resurfaced for presidential inaugurations while my entire American Novel class freezes twice a week in a tiny, grubby classroom behind the theatre. What we really need are more degree offerings in computerrelated courses. Psychics have foreseen books becoming an obsolete medium. By the time my son is in college, reading and writing probably will already be a thing of the past.

Maybe LSC is on the right track cutting back the English Department – no one will need the skills they teach soon anyway. In fact, when SOS, the computer help desk company moves to campus we could probably speed up the whole process by converting the wing of English professors' offices into SOS offices. There is plenty of room for them all down here in the Critic closet. And after all, when the last student has transferred or been disposed of in a secret disciplinary hearing, and the last faculty member has quit or retired and not been replaced, there will be no more impediments to making the business of LSC a complete financial success.

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Narrowing of English Department causes graduation uncertainties Whats

By Jennifer Manly

Lyndon State College English Professor Buck Beliles will be taking a year sabbatical starting next fall. His impending absence has sparked growing concern among both faculty and students about the recent decrease in faculty in that department and resulting effects. Despite the fact that Professor Emeritus James Doyle retired last year and Professor Andrea Luna took leave this year, the department's request to hire a new full time faculty member has been denied twice.

Some faculty are becoming concerned about the course load which will be required of them in order to offer all necessary courses. English Professor Richard Moye said of accommodating the increased course load, "we are already stretched so far there is nothing I can drop."

Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Fishbein commented that while the English department has in fact a "reasonable case" for consideration of a new faculty member, there are other departments in the college who have more urgent needs. In response to faculty concern about an increased work load he commented that the department is simply being "temporarily narrowed," and that the professor course "at Lyndon is actually common for institutions like Lyndon."

Among the priorities which determine whether a department might be granted a request for a new faculty member include the number of students majoring in that discipline, as well as how many courses are required for a major, according to Fishbein. Those priorities are common to the factors used in the newly rewritten VSC policy 101, which is used to evaluate departments and help shape their future development. Based on those priorities, as well as others, the department has been denied their request. The consequence, according to both some faculty and students, is a serious limitation in choices. Moye said, "we designed the program to allow students the flexibility of choice within categories. Because our staff has been reduced, we are no longer in a position to offer courses that allow for that choice."

On student facing the negative effects of the decrease in the English department staff is LSC junior, William Graves. According to Graves, he was scheduled to graduate in May 2002, but now he is unsure whether or not he will be able to due to the limited course offerings. He commented that he, as an upper level English major, "definitely doesn't have any choices." Fishbein assured that every effort is being made to provide adjunct professors and offer other choices for students, such as classes through Vermont Interactive Television, and in rare cases, waivers.

Whats going On?

March

Thursday 15

Wood's Tea:

Wood's Tea Company is a musical group that defies categorization. They perform bluegrass, Celtic tunes, sea shanties, and folk songs with an equal ease and skill.

Friday 16

The Have Nots:

The Have Nots! shows are similar to the popular ABC-TV show "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" -- a series of skits or games that begin with an outline of a plot that develops according to audience suggestions and the actors' thoughts

Saturday 17

St. Patty's Day Celebration and Dance and Insomina Bowlings 12 midnight – 7am

Gold Crown Lanes in St. Johnsbury Wenesday 21

Hypnotist Frank Santos

Friday 25

Leslie Nuchow:

Leslie's first CD, Tenderland, which is receiving constant airplay throughout the U.S. and Canada, combines a voice of immense power and sensuality with politically and personally astute lyrics. She moves between Sarah McLachlan soft and Alanis Morisette hard to create original work that feels timeless.

Smokers put butts out twenty-five feet from buildings

By Tim DeHoff

The New Year brought many changes to Lyndon State College, among them the enactment of a new smoking policy. The new policy went into effect on January 1, 2001. There was no written warning except for an e-mail sent out over Christmas break to all LSC students. The new policy states in its purpose that the school is just following Vermont state law.

This is the first policy to state were people can smoke outside a building. According to the new policy, when in an outdoor area that surrounds a nonresidential building (such as the Harvey Academic Center), smokers must not lit up within a twenty-five foot radius of the building. This also includes the area on the west side of the Theodore N.Vail Center and the Activities building where smoking between these buildings is prohibited. Over by the Samual Read Hall Library, smoking is only permitted under the terrace near the east entrance to the building.



Photo by Matthew Kaier Signs like these prohibiting smoking near buildings now appear all over campus. "Ridiculous! Smoking is legal," states nonsmoker Patrick Nimblett. "People should be able to smoke where they like."

Whose job is it to tell people when they violate this new policy? It is the responsibility of each student, faculty, and staff member. Security will not be going around writing up or fining everybody that is smoking near a building, as there is no penalty for violating the policy. "What's the point then?" asks Carlos Ferrer.

"Initially consequences were going to be used," states Assistant Dean of Campus Life, Judy Raper, "but we thought education would work better." Raper said the administration wants to slowly introduce this new policy to the LSC community to see how students and teachers react to it. The hope is that the community reacts positively, so remember when you see those "no smoking beyond this point" signs that it is your own responsibility to put your butt out.

Ghosts of the past only figurative in Vail museum tour

By Naomi Roy

Stepping into the dimly lit room that is the Vail Museum, two large objects on the left wall immediately claim attention. In each corner of this wall is a large chair. These are no ordinary chairs: they each have a five-sided roof-like structure over the top and down the arms, and they dominate the whole room. These chairs were the thrones of T.N. Vail and President Taft. Vail ordered these chairs custom built for Taft and himself. They were both large men, weighing about 300 pounds each, and the "roofs" protected them from the chilling draftiness of the Mansion.

By the chairs sits a rustic metal suitcase that Patrick Brown, a cable splicer for N.E.T&T.Co. used to carry tools. Between the chairs rests what appears at first to be a desk. It is actually the telephone, for Vail was the founder of the phone company AT&T.

The museum walls are wood paneled, as is part of the ceiling. Behind Vail's chair, mounted on the wall, is a picture of Vail himself. He was a portly man, with silvery-white hair. His lip wore a well-groomed mustache. Vail's brown eyes peer over the top of the silver-framed glasses perched on his nose.



Photo By Matthew Kaier
The specially designed chairs of T.N. Vail and President Taft were on display for LSC's 90th birthday. Emma's only appearance was in this doctored photograph.

Emma's wheelchair was also on display in the Museum. Emma, Vail's wife, has a reputation for haunting the Twilight Theatre, though Emma did not put in an appearance during the museum tours. Emma's chair has none of the grandeur of Vail's throne: it consists of a woven wicker seat and back, with wooden foot supports and two thin, black hard-plastic wheels.

A well as opening the museum for the day, a drawing was held to give away a T-shirt commemorating LSC's 90th birthday. Sophomore Carrie Sullivan was the lucky recipient of this prize.

The Vail Museum is located on the third floor of the Vail building in the hall leading to the Security office. Students are encouraged to check it out for a glimpse into the history of LSC.

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Logging lights lane to Lyndon

By Jennifer Manley

town project on Vail Hill has Arecently removed several hundred trees from the edge of College Road on the way up to campus. The project, begun over the holiday break, aims to clear the road of ice dripping from the trees, open up visibility at the intersection, and provide for a safer drive. According to Jim Gallagher, head of LSC maintenance, the school has wanted to do the project for some time now, but it was only made possible when the town of Lyndonville proposed the idea, and the school simply approved it. The town owns College Road, and therefore 50 feet on either side is right of way. The town street department, headed by superintendent Butch Olcott, carried out the project.

According to Gallagher, the goal was to open up the road to allow for the sun to shine on its

surface, particularly the intersection nearest campus, and melt the snow and ice which accumulates in the winter months. Gallagher thought the tree cutting would save the town money in road maintenance costs. The profits from the lumber, mainly composed of poplar, pine, and spruce, will be used to cover the costs for the town. Gallagher commented that the lumber is not very valuable, and it will not be until the project is complete that it will be determined if the college might benefit from its sale.

Even if the sun does not effectively reach the road after the 75-foot area is cleared, Gallagher said that they would not cut down any more trees. The town crew is not removing the stumps from the downed trees in an effort to keep the bank from eroding into the road. Gallagher commented that it would take those stumps "a hundred years to rot."

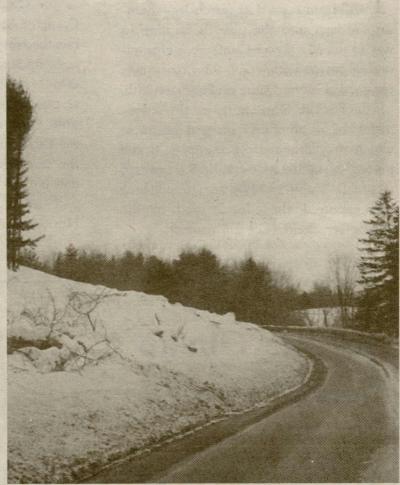


Photo by Jennifer Manley
This area on the edge of campus was logged to create a safer drive to the college.

Vermont State Colleges trustees approve two new degrees at LSC

At its monthly meeting in Waterbury on January 30, the Vermont State College Board of Trustees gave final approval to two new associate degrees to be offered at Lyndon State College.

The degrees to be added at LSC are an associate in science in interactive digital media (IDM) and an associate in science in geographic information systems/global positioning systems (GIS/GPS). IDM is offered in the Mathematical and Computer Sciences Department, and GIS/GPS is offered in the Recreation Resource and Ski Resort Management Department.

In making the announcement to the college, LSC President Carol Moore praised two faculty members in particular for their work in bringing these two new degrees to reality. "I would like to thank Leighton Hazlehurst and John DeLeo for their efforts in developing these two new programs," she said.

Three colleges join to offer 2001 Virtual Job Fair

Employers and recent graduates at three of the Vermont State Colleges now have ready access to each other through the Virtual Job Fair that will run online from April 2 through 30. The Virtual Job Fair, in which employers post job openings and job-seekers post resumes, is open to all students and alumni of Lyndon and Johnson; Castleton is focusing on education majors and alumni.

Lyndon State College sponsored the first on-line job fair last year under the direction of Career Services Director Linda Wacholder. "It is great to collaborate with Johnson and Castleton on the virtual job fair this year. By working together, we can help provide even more opportunities to help get students and recent alumni started in their careers," she said. The Virtual Job Fair offers a much wider range of options for both students and employers than is typically available at campus-based fairs, she noted.

Employers interested in listing openings in the Virtual Job Fair may post them online anytime until April 30. For details or to join the job fair, log on to http://static.jobtrak.com/efair/html/vermont/html. Students and recent alumni may also post their resumes throughout April. For more information, contact Linda Wacholder at Lyndon (802–626–6441), Kerri Brooks at Johnson (802–635–1278), or Judith Carruthers at Castleton (802–468–1339).



Hornets Make History

By Jamie Norton

The Lyndon State College men's basket-ball team carried its season-long dominance deep into the playoffs, battling its way to the Mayflower Conference championship crown with a 106-93 victory over top-seeded Notre Dame on February 25th.

For the Hornets, it was the culmination of an absolutely magical season in which they shunned pre-season polls and posted a conference-best 15-9 overall record (7-5 against Mayflower opponents) and captured the No. 2 seed in the Mayflower Conference tournament.

LSC won a 75-72 nail-biter against Castleton State in the tournament quarterfinals, but the real challenge came in the Conference semi-finals against Green Mountain College. GMC had beaten the Hornets in over 30 consecutive games spanning over the last 15 years until Lyndon ended that streak in its defeat of the Eagles on Feb. 1. But Green Mountain won the teams' second regular-season meeting and had built a 22-point lead with 16 minutes to play in their playoff match-up when the Hornets swarmed back into the game and stung

GMC with an 80-76 overtime victory to propel them into the Championship game.

Lyndon carried that momentum into the title bout against No. 1 Notre Dame, beginning with a 13-0 run and never looking back. Shane Garceau was the tournament MVP. The Hornets will now travel to Branson, Missouri to compete in the NAIA Division II national tournament. All this after the annual pre-season coaches' poll predicted LSC to finish last in the Mayflower Conference.

In The Cheap Seats

By Jamie Norton

It's that time of year again, the time when the snow starts to slowly melt away and the sun begins to shine a little brighter each day. It's every baseball fan's favorite time of year. It's the time when our favorite ballplayers start creeping out from wherever they were hiding all winter to play toss and catch or take their first cuts in the batting cage down in Florida and Arizona. I'm talking about spring training.

As a dedicated fan of baseball, there is nothing I look forward to more than seeing my favorite teams and players getting ready for another long, exciting season full of hopes and dreams (except the Minnesota Twins). It's right about now each year when you start hearing that first refreshing crack of the wooden bat, the first invigorating smack of the leather mitt – or the first annoying whines of the overpaid professional ballplayers.

The last three years of Major League Baseball have been some of the most exciting of our generation, from the McGwire/Sosa home run battles to the rejuvenation of the Yankee dynasty to the resurrection of some not-so-great teams (the Oakland A's and Chicago White Sox) into legitimate contenders. But this season is opening with a bit of a rank smell. In light of a few monstrous contracts

signed in the off-season (shortstop Alex Rodriguez' \$252 million contract signing with the Texas Rangers and slugger Manny Ramirez' \$160 million signing with our own Boston Red Sox), more and more players have approached this beautiful time of year with a sour taste in their mouths, complaining about the money they're making (or not making).

The Chicago White Sox have a good chance to return to the playoffs this year they've got young talent that gets better every year, a solid pitching staff, last year's AL Manager of the Year, and a proven slugger around which the entire lineup has been built. But it is that very slugger, Frank Thomas, who has put a damper on the team's otherwise positive outlook for the 2001 season. He showed up almost a week late for the beginning of spring training. Why? Did he have a wife that recently gave birth? Did he have some charity event to attend for the good of the people? No. It's simple. He wants more money. He boycotted the White Sox organization, threatening not to show up because he wants more than the \$9.9 million he will be making this year. He only showed up because the ChiSox had the right to fine him or sue him for breech of contract if he did not arrive by the mandatory reporting date.

I am absolutely appalled at the fact that \$9.9 million isn't enough for this guy. It's true, he had a career year last season, and he's one of the best hitters in baseball. But how much money does a person need? Honestly, shouldn't one million dollars be enough for all you need to get by? Shouldn't one hundred thousand dollars suffice? Apparently not. How could he live without his 15,000 square-foot

mansion? How would he pay for his eight cars or his Olympic-size swimming pool or his \$400,000 sound system or the ten 32-inch televisions he has junking up his little place? What's a guy to do?

I can understand where ol' Frankie is coming from. Really, I can. A-Rod is getting \$25 million per season and Manny's getting a cool \$20 million every year, and Frank's just as good as they are, so he should get as much money as they get. They can afford 30,000 square-foot mansions or even nicer sound systems for \$800,000 or maybe 12 cars and a few of their own limousines. Frank, in the meantime, is left pinching his pennies and can only afford to hire a 10-person house-keeping staff instead of their staffs of 20.

This is my favorite time of year. I am feeling a little forlorn, however, because our good buddy Frank isn't getting the money he rightfully deserves. What makes me even sadder, however, is the fact that I am sitting here helpless, way up here in Vermont. I am just a lowly college student trying to get by with only about two hundred dollars to my name. I can't hit a ball 450 feet. I can't bat .328 (at least not at the Major League level). I probably won't see \$9 million in my entire life. But here I am, trying to get my education so I can make an honest living with the few talents I have, and there's nothing I can do to help Mr. Thomas. Poor Frank.

Until next time, so long . . : so short.

Hornet Women's Hopes Never Materialized

By Jamie Norton

The Lyndon State College women's basketball team had big goals before the 2000-01 season started. The Lady Hornets were planning on improving on last season's 10-15 record and even striving for a home playoff berth and going to the Mayflower Conference's version of the "Final Four." And they were rightly justified in making such lofty goals. After all, they had returned all of their starters from last season and had another year of experience behind them. They had a tough defense and a quick offense. They had senior leadership and underclassmen talent. They were ready to take all.

Unfortunately, things did not quite work out the way they had envisioned. Three months later, they found themselves no better than they were last year. They finished the regular season with a 9-15 record (4-8 against conference opponents), lost four of their last five games, and were ousted in the first round of the Mayflower Conference tournament.

LSC was very much a force in the first half of the season. They slaughtered Hampshire College 76-11 in the season

opener and beat up on Becker College, 94-40 a few games later. The Hornets won their first game after the college's three-week winter break, an 87-47 blowout over Atlantic Union, and improved to 6-4 overall. But that was when they hit the skids. Lyndon fell victim to a treacherous seven-game losing streak from which the ladies never recovered. They won only three more games the rest of the season, and bowed out in the Conference quarterfinals in a 71-54 loss to Castleton State College.

The end of this season marked the end of three brilliant careers as the Hornets waved goodbye to Anna Cavallaro, Jen Garcia, and Sabrina Matthews, three seniors who have brought to the team excellent talent and even greater leadership in their years here at Lyndon.

Cavallaro was one of the team's top rebounders and top scorers, but her contributions go much farther than her statistics. She will be remembered for the tremendous energy she brought to the court. She could put points on the board, leap high to grab a rebound, and dive for a loose ball and was one of the team's vocal leaders as well. Her commitment and dependability will be missed.

Garcia and Matthews, in the meantime, made a name for themselves in the LSC record books. Garcia was the best long-distance shooter in Lyndon women's history. She holds records for career and single-season three-point shots made. Matthews was a scoring threat as well, but her main concern was getting the ball to her teammates and creating plays. This season she reached the 500 career assists milestone and will graduate as the college's record holder for career and single-season assists.

LSC's Terrific Trio will pass the torch to a talented collection of underclassmen. Freshman Sarah Gagnon was one of the team's top scorers and tossed in a team season-high 27 points on January 21. Sophomores Becky Hilton and Maggie Scott have also shown they can play ball as well, while Ashley Golden and Amanda Post continue to develop into fine ballplayers.

The Hornets will hope that the talent of their underclassmen will help soften the blow of losing the program's three valued seniors. The team again will set its goals for next year come September, and it will have every right to be optimistic with its core of young and developing talent. Until then, the girls will have the summer to relax and get some extra practice.

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Joke of the day

Julie, the blonde, was getting pretty desperate for money. She decide to go to the nicer, richer

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neighborhoods around town and look for odd jobs as a handy woman. The first house she came to,

a man answered the door and told Julie,"Yeah, I have a job for you. How would you like to paint the porch?"

"Sure that sounds great!" said Julie.

"Well, how much do you want me to pay you?" asked the man.

"Is fifty bucks all right?" Julie asked.

"Yeah, great. You'll find the paint and ladders you'll need in the garage."

The man went back into his house to his wife who had been listening.

"Fifty bucks! Does she know the porch goes all the way around the house?" asked the wife.

"Well, she must, she was standing right on it!" her husband replied.

About 45 minutes later, Julie knocked on the door."I'm all finished," she told the surprised

homeowner. The man was amazed.

"You painted the whole porch?"

"Yeah," Julie replied, "I even had some paint left, so I put on two coats!"

The man reached into his wallet to pay Julie.

"Oh, and by the way," said Julie, "That's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

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23. Lighter

25. Cut back

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29. High card

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32. Inhabitant (suf.)

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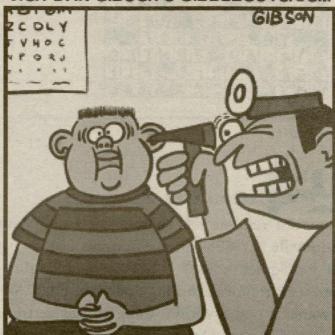
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24-Hour E-Mail Access

Guest Editorial

s I sit here in the small hours before day-Alight, it occurs to me my anger and frustration of yesterday were simply an exercise in futility. I can rationalize like that now. My new computer arrived today. I couldn't afford it; but I'm getting good at hiding my car so it doesn't get repossessed; and I've discovered that with enough salt and pepper and green jalapeno sauce, ramen hardly taste like cardboard at all.

When I first came to LSC, I was cheerfully assured 24-hour computer access was available, taken for granted, and I had little need for concern. As a non-traditional student with no parents or trust fund footing the bill, working nights to afford a hovel generously labeled "studio" apartment and being the tired owner of an archaic computer, these allegations were comforting. I gave little thought to updating my hopelessly obsolete system, or buying a new one. Little did I realize the magnitude of this mistake. The enormity of the blunder became painfully evident over the next seven semesters. Unfortunately, unsuspecting neophytes are probably still grasping at this same misleading straw. The LSC Undergraduate Catalog makes it seem likely anyway.

I just happen to have a 1999-2000 edition lying here handy. The 1998-99 catalog contains this same paragraph so I doubt it's much changed in the present edition.

"We are proud of our campus-wide computer network for academic and administrative computing," the book proclaims. Overlooking the clunky sentence structure, I might have been proud of it too - if I'd ever gotten to use it.

"Macintosh and Windows," the catalog goes on, (I'll also overlook the fact that Mac's often use Windows, and just assume they mean PCs) "are available for your use in several campus computer labs."

Hmmm, several? That's a relative statement. Let's see, there's the 24-hour lab. That's one, and a fine place to check your email, surf the web a little, or maybe just hang out in a chat-room. I even tried to write a paper there once.

There are a lot of computers in the 24-hour lab, an amazing amount for such a small a space. Of course, that doesn't detract from the e-mail/chat-room experience one whit. In fact, it's rather congenial to be cheek and jowl, chortling over the latest attachment from that woman in Dnepropetrovsk. (She says she's beautiful but she hasn't sent a picture yet). Trying to write a mid-term paper there is a bit more complicated, though. I'll explain for those who have yet to embarked on such an adventure.

As some may know, writing a term paper involves carrying around a lot of "stuff:" two or three or six thick books from the library, more always looks better; maybe three or four printouts from internet sources, more if you're a real achiever; and maybe even that overweight, overpriced textbook you were forced to buy. It's a lot of stuff; and there are a lot of computers in the 24-hour lab. Trying to pile all that stuff, in some sort of order so you can actually write a coherent paper, into a space not quite large enough for the keyboard and mouse is remarkably challenging, even after you've tuned out the email/chat-room cacophony around you. I don't know, maybe I just lost my sense of adventure. I got so I didn't even try any more. I just dragged my "stuff" off in search of another computer lab.

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Correction!!!

The Critic apologizes for a mistake in a Vol.47, No 2 article titled "Smokers put butts out..." That article stated, "There was no written warning except for an e-mail sent out over Christmas break." According to Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton, "written notice of the policy change appeared in the on-line newsletter news-Net on December 4, 2000, and an e-mail notice was sent out to the entire campus community on December 12, 2000."

On The Cover

This scrap sculpture resides in the parking lot of Bob's Welding on Broad Street in Lyndonville. Created of odds and ends by Bob Howland, owner of Bob's Welding, the sculpture, as well as others, will be on display for a time before being moved to Howland's home where it will become part of his "metal Jurassic Park."

The good thing about becoming disgusted with the 24-hour lab is that you have only to drag your stuff upstairs to embark on a wholly new adventure, and your pick of three more computer labs. Of course, one of them contains only Macs and I don't go in for that sort of masochism. That narrows it down to two for me. I've tried to write papers in both of those, too. There's a problem though: someone's developed the absurd idea that classes need be held in these rooms. I got almost half a page written up there once when the door flew open and some stern looking woman strode in and scowled at me.

"There's a class in here," she said in a very short and, I thought, rather ill tempered manner. I saved my half page and started to log off. She spoke again.

"Sir," she said with no effort to hide her contempt. "This IS a class." I made no attempt to see if her acid-dripping voice was burning holes in the floor tiles. I didn't say the first thing that sprang to mind either, just gathered up my "stuff" and plunged into another quest for one of those elusive computers "available for my use." This particular experience was a bit unusual, I admit. Normally, if your paper is due in four hours, the "computer-labs" will be hosting classes for the next six and you won't even have a chance to be glared at.

For the persistent, there are yet more options. You can trek to HAC where you'll find two more computer labs. Here again, one of them is a Mac lab; and an elitist force of Graphic Design majors controls it. If you're not of their ilk, reprisal will be swift and fearful. Apparently, the Geneva Convention is not observed within the confines of HAC.

The other computer lab in HAC is the province of Business majors. They're not quite as elitist or vicious as the Graphics hoard so you might be able to sneak in and get a page or so done. Don't count on it though – a lot of classes go on there, too. And don't bother going over tonight to finish a paper that's due tomorrow; they'll be locked up tight, just like the ones upstairs in LAC, or occupied by Graphic commandos. I propose these last five options, purportedly "computer labs," should be more accurately classified as "classrooms," with computers you might be able to use – sometimes.

There used to be another computer lab in the library; then they took out all the real computers and filled it with Macs. Not that I would ever begrudge Mac-users their right to technology, no matter how misguided it may be. I would have liked to use one of those computers that were "available for my use," though. It seems such a small thing to ask in light of the \$14,000 I've generously donated to LSC so far.

Of course, you don't have to embark on these dangerous and likely fruitless odysseys in quest of frustration, er - I mean, a computer. After all, when it seems the administration is more intent on buying trees to fill the gym on gala occasions, or making good PR with profitable programs, instead of working with IT to make "computers available" for humanities students, why should you give a damn? You probably wouldn't learn anything writing that paper anyway. C'mon, what do you have to lose? Just say to hell with it. Go to the 24hour lab to check your e-mail. You might have something waiting from that woman in Dnepropetrovsk. Maybe she sent a picture this time.

David Moses

Conservation considerations on campus and community

By Brian Ebel

Tthink the first article I wrote for this I paper was a little too extreme to print, so I will try again. I didn't swear or anything like that, but I did convey my opinion in an unapologetic way. Ninety-nine percent of the time I am a friendly kind of person, but if I get ticked off you will know it. Right now I am listening to REM and writing about conservation. I think you should try it. I used to not really care about this stuff, but now I do. I think it is important. I don't care if you are a right wing republican or a left wing hippy...or if you're a right wing hippy or a left wing republican. Chances are you are somewhere in between.

George W. Bush will try to suck out and burn all the oil we can get our hands on. He is only doing it because he knows we will use it, because big businesses are paying him to make it so. Is anyone going to change his or her behavior because of this?

"If you want something done right, do it yourself," so try to make a difference instead of complaining or being lazy.

Maybe you shouldn't drive around aimlessly on a Thursday night just for something to do. Maybe you might consider getting a small car that is good on gas. If you see a bottle in the trash, pick it up and recycle it. Or try cutting back on the amount of

packaging you buy at the store, or take a shorter shower. Learn about invasive species in Vermont such as Eurasian milfoil. Recycle number one and two plastics, paper, aluminum, tin...everything you can. Lyndonville has a great recycling facility but our school is still pretty shabby when it comes to recycling. I think that if our school had a great recycling program it would be good for school spirit and we wouldn't have as many people making hate websites against us.

The more I learn here at LSC, the more I get frustrated that the world doesn't seem to care. I think that the good ideas don't get advertising space. Go out and get some mental stimulation and look around at nature. Try to figure out why we are here instead of watching a Christina Aguilera video. Maybe you could write an article for *The Critic...* oh wait, I guess I did just that. But you could write another one that is way better than this one.

Animals and plants are going extinct like crazy and greenhouse gasses keep getting pumped into the air. These are facts. We can deal with the consequences later when we have trashed our world or we can all try to keep a level head and encourage progress. I don't suggest that we all join a commune, hug trees, and become vegans. Keep your life the way you like it, but if we all help out a little and make a few practical changes, our planet will still be beautiful when we are 80, and for generations to come.

Insensitive editing offensive

To the Editor:

I just read the March 12, 2001 edition of The Critic. I must say I am glad to see it come out more regularly now. However, I was quite disappointed with the choice of "joke of the day," about a blonde (read female) painter. I was irritated enough when I received it as an e-mail forward, but that has become the natural habit for this type of humor.

It strikes me as ironic that the editorial and main story in that issue center on how the administration is not taking their responsibility to the students seriously (an assertion I disagree with, by the way.) Where do you show your responsibility to the student body, especially the women of LSC? Were your joke about a Polish person or an immigrant, or a handicapped person I think (and hope) that the offensive nature of this joke would be more clear. I don't know why this culture seems to have a harder time acknowledging that misogyny is also promoted through jokes and offhand comments, but surely we should be able to count on the student publication to be more sensitive to the power of language.

Sincerely, Danielle Gerrior

LSC survivor looking for a key

By Marina Cole

Look WCAX's "Survivor Challenge" by calling the station to answer the question, "What is the name of the instrument that the aborigines play?" Billings was the first caller with the correct answer, didgeridoo, and so became one of twenty people to secure a chance to win a brand new Aztec.

First, though, Billings must survive a few more challenges. Only five of the twenty participants will receive keys to try in the car. To narrow the number down, contestants will appear on the WCAX evening news appealing to viewers, who must send postcard votes for the survivor they are rooting for. The five people with the most votes by April 13th will go on in the game.

Billings said he was "very nervous" while filming his spot, but feels he has "an excellent shot at winning." All he needs is enough votes to get him into one of the top five positions and Billings can "get through whatever challenges they put me through to win."

Anyone interested in voting for a survivor can do so by sending a postcard to WCAX Survivor Challenge, P.O. Box 608, Burlington VT 05402. All votes must be received by April 13th, and must be filled out by hand. No mechanical reproductions will be accepted.

Republicans organize to spread conservative message

By Jennifer Manley

n November 28th, a joint session of the Student Government's House and Senate passed the constitution for the newest Lyndon State College club organization, the Lyndon State College Republicans. The group, whose active members at this time total six male LSC students, is led by their President Ryan Boehm, with the support of Vice President Matt Gagnon and Treasurer Paul Gebelein.

The group's mission, as stated in their Constitution, is to advocate the principals of the Republican Party on the LSC campus and the wider community, as well as recruit members to the national Republican Party, and aid in the election of republicans to public office.

According to Boehm, the group has not yet established a platform of issues to promote, being that it is not an election year as well as the fact that the group faced serious budget cuts in recent Student Government meetings. Boehm commented that his group was "willing to cut their budget" knowing that all clubs, especially new ones, need to make some sacrifices. At this time the group is

focusing on raising their membership and getting their message out to students.

Boehm hopes that students will have an open mind toward the LSC Republicans, and that the group will facilitate debate in which issues are addressed in a nondiscriminatory, non name-calling atmosphere.

Boehm said that he and like-minded students started the group in response to an "overrunning liberal opinion" on campus. The LSC Republicans seek to speak in another voice, and get their conservative message out to students and faculty so they may have an alternative choice.

Fortes case in legal limbo

By Jennifer Manley

Lyndon State College sophomore, Jacob Fortes, who has been at the center of a whirlwind of gossip, litigation, and media blitz for the last few weeks, now reports that everything has come "to a screeching halt." Little progress has been made in either his or the Caledonian-Record's lawsuits against LSC and the Vermont State College system. Fortes' disciplinary hearing regarding his alleged hacking attempts has been indefinitely postponed.

Fortes is of the opinion that he may never be brought up on those charges due to the fact that he is leaving LSC at the close of this semester. While the school could file criminal charges against him for attempting to hack into the school's computer system, Fortes says he has undeniable evidence to prove his innocence. The hacking attempts were cited during a time in which he was working at LSC TV. His alibi is verified by five students, all of whom have signed an affidavit to that effect.

Fortes, a Resident Advisor in the Crevecoeur dormitory, is already on probation as a result of a disciplinary hearing regarding a copyright infringement the college said he committed on his website. The website, entitled "Lyndonsucks," hosts a guest book where students, alumni, and members of the community express their opinion on everything from the college's food service and the GEU program to the resident halls and the administration. It was the website which Fortes feels brought on a rash of "administrative retaliation" which culminated in the loss of his work-study job in President Carol Moore's

office and the computer hacking charges.

It was in response to what Fortes considered an injustice that he invited the Press into what are normally closed disciplinary hearings. That invitation and the resulting refusal on the part of the LSC administration ended in the lawsuit which has effectively put the hearing on hold and brought media attention to both Fortes' case and the website he helped create.

Fortes feels that the defense of his website is "clearly written in the Unites States Constitution." He plans to pursue his lawsuit even when he moves away from Lyndonville and is hopeful that his actions will force the college to "start paying attention to what the students want."

Woodchuck humor fills theatre with laughter

By Marina Cole

usty DeWees kept a full house in Kstitches Saturday, March 10th in Lyndon State College's Twilight Theatre with his one-man play "The Logger." Tickets for the general public sold out several days in advance of the show. Students hoping to get the last reserved tickets began lining up at the doors at 6:30 PM, though DeWees' did not appear on stage until eight o'clock. Their early arrival proved a smart move, though, since the last tickets were gone in less than fifteen minutes, and in no time a long line of ticket holders was snaking around the lobby.

The wait was worth it once DeWees walked on stage wearing his ducttaped workboots and made his first wisecrack. As the unnamed logger, DeWees tickled the funnybone with a made-in-Vermont feather, from his first "pronouncement" to his final cuss. With a true backwoods mixture of crude yet witty jokes, DeWees quipped about "fear farts," flatlanders, and firing at fake deer. The show, rated SC for "Some Cussin'," actually involved lots of swearing, though the audience was told during the introduction that it is "considered essential to the character."

Later, the logger explained that "effective cussin'," the kind that is done in public, is actually a stress reducer and should be taken up by more folks.

The highlights of the show included a batch of "You might be a Vermonter if ..." jokes, rivaling anything Jeff Foxworthy could have come with. DeWees' portrayal of a stripper was hilarious and amazingly convincing considering he was still in his workboots and pom-pom topped winter hat. Descriptions of his friend's one-legged dog, his wife's treadmill accident, and his misadventure in a NYC French restaurant kept the audience doubled over in fits of laughter.

was a little disappointed that DeWees chose to cut his original opening of the play, formally an excellent portrayal of the felling of a tree, complete with DeWees' own sound effects. Anyone who can not only make the cutting of a tree realistic using no props what so ever, but also, can sound exactly like a chainsaw while doing it has enough talent to choke a woodchuck. However, the addition of new jokes made up for the loss of the old, and I left the theatre with a smile on my face. Not surprisingly, so did the rest of the crowd.

Having seen "The Logger" live before, I

Lyndon Children's Center finds new location

By Marina Cole

The Lyndon Children's Center (LCC), located for the time being on the northern edge of campus, will be moving to the building that formerly housed Brown's Day Care in Lyndonville. LCC had been looking for a new site since they received the news from Lyndon State College that their lease would not be renewed.

According to LSC President Carol Moore, the center had been looking for a new location previous to receiving news that their lease would not be renewed. Lori Philips, Director of LCC, said she was "shocked" by the announcement that they would have to move. "That wasn't something we were looking into right off. This wasn't the right time," Philips said. Though they were given six months notice, the news came as a surprise to the staff, parents, and children of the center who worried they might not find a suitable place to relocate to in time.

Though the worry over finding a new place has ended, there is still much to do. The new site must be cleaned and all equipment



Photo by Matthew Kaier

must be moved from the old site. Parents will have to get used to the new drive, and children must adjust to the new surroundings. Students and faculty of LSC will no longer have the convenience of on-campus childcare, and the college will lose an on-campus site of internships for early childhood majors.

Philips feels the loss will affect college student enrollment. She also said it has hurt the daycare's bond and relationship with the college. The children attending LCC "are upset. They don't want to leave the sliding and hiking trails" on the LSC campus.

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Policy prompts program reviews

By Naomi Roy

The Vermont State Colleges' Policy 101 is now in effect. Policy 101, which deals with the self-evaluation of programs and was revised in January of this year, states that "the overall mission of the policy is to provide affordable, high quality, student-centered and accessible education." To do this, the academic programs "must be of high quality and remain current, competitive, and costeffective."

In an e-mail to LSC faculty, Michael Fishbein, Dean of Academic Affairs, listed the programs up for review in the next few years. In 2001, the programs to be reviewed are Allied Health, Business, Education, and Mathematics. Coming up for review in 2002 will be the Natural Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Recreation, and Computing programs. Work with the affected programs is expected to begin in early

Native American Dr. speaks of Coyote Medicine

Tohnson State College is pleased to bring to the area Dr. Lewis Mehl-Madrona who will be speaking on Coyote Medicine, Integrative Medicine and Beyond, on Tuesday March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Dibden Center for the Arts. Dr. Mehl-Madrona has been a practicing physician for over twenty years. He was the Medical Director for the Center Complementary Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and currently has an integrative medical practice at the Center for Health and Healing in New York City.

Dr. Mehl-Madrona is a Native American who years ago became convinced that the ancient and modern approaches to illness can be integrated into new paths to recovery and health. Inspired by his Cherokee grandmother's healing ceremonies, Dr. Mehl-Madrona went through medical school to become a physician. This gentle story-teller poignantly depicts a startling journey where his dream of being a healer was often at odds with his medical career as a doctor. Dr. Mehl-Madrona has dedi-

cated his life to blending the best of conventional medicine and Native American healing and is celebrated as a leader in the field of integrative medicine.

In the forward of Coyote Medicine, Dr. Andrew Weil writes: "Good doctoring requires all the wisdom of religion, all the techniques of magic and all the knowledge of medicine to become effective. One way to bring that perspective back into our health care institutions is to look to Native American Medicine as a resource. Lewis Mehl-Madrona has much to offer here, since he combines the heritage and experience of a Native American healer with very thorough training in allopathic medicine. On top of that, he has great passion about replacing the reigning biomedical model with a new paradigm, and he is a good writer."

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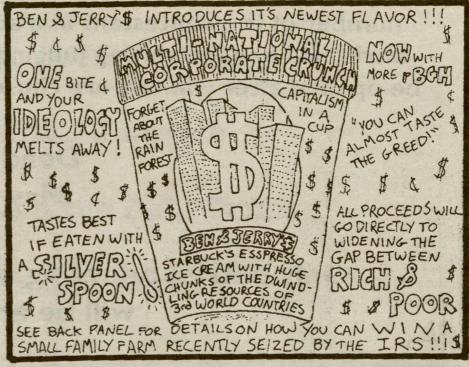
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Green-up: it's not just for spring anymore

Oh spring! I am so glad it has finally arrived; I was beginning to think this dreadful winter would never end. Usually I wouldn't care that we had an above average snowfall, but this winter has been different. My homestead, usually a heaven and a haven, has been hell to get in and out of since our plow rig broke down. Being on a class four road, which means the town has no obligation to maintain it, has forced my family to suffer half-mile walks every time we need to leave or return home. I think the selectboard in my town feels if you are crazy enough to move off the maintained roads, you deserve whatever you get.

I might be crazy, but that is beside the point. I moved out to the middle of nowhere for a specific reason: I wanted to raise my son in a peaceful place, a place that would teach him what self-sufficiency and being a good steward of the land really means. We haul our own water, use an outhouse, grow much of our summer food, and generally live lightly on the land. It is a hard way to live during the winter, but when spring comes it becomes so easy to recall why we do it...well, after the mud dries it's easier anyway.

As the snow melts away the last of winter's worries, however, it reveals a season's worth of trash. McDonald's bags spill out their treasures: half-full cups of cola, wadded up wrappers, and unused condiments line the roads. The Bud cans that have been hiding since deer season reappear. Trash bags, hubcaps, lost mittens, and all other manner of refuse are visible to passersby, who simply pass them by.

This spring, I have decided to join the many Vermonters who participate in Greenup Day. I usually am good about stopping to pick up other people's messes on the back roads of Wheelock, where I live. It might be because it is closer to home, or it might be because trash on the side of Stannard Mountain is so out of place that it demands to be taken care of. Or it could be that I am usually broke and could use the extra nickels from the returnables. Whatever the reason, it is a good thing to do, the right thing, and those people who do the major clean up every Green-up Day could probably use an extra hand. This year, why don't you, too, take some time to green-up the place where you

Doing so will not mean that we have freed ourselves of our obligation to stop when we notice that some unconscious person has thrown his rack of empties on the side of the road, though. Green-up is not just a day, it is the way. We have a planet plagued with environmental problems of our own creation, and too many people are willing to wait until someone else comes along to take care of them. Sorry folks, but that attitude is just not going to work. Every individual must make

greening-up an everyday affair to affect some real changes for the better.

I made a major commitment to living lightly on the land. Moving into a home that uses only solar power, cutting all your own wood, and hauling your own water is not for everyone, I admit. So what can be done by those who don't want a major lifestyle overhaul? First, do something easy. Instead of going home over the weekend, stay on campus and participate in Earth Day. Get a trash bag and pick up the campus you live on. Clean out your car do your trash doesn't "accidentally" escape onto the highway.

Next, try something a little more intensive. When you are in the grocery store, pass over the items that come individually wrapped, then sealed in a bag, then placed in a box, which will finally go into your grocery bag. Most items only need minimal packaging; the rest is simply advertising space and the cost is passed on to the consumer. Do yourself a real favor, and shop at the St. Johnsbury Co-op for things like fresh, organic fruits and veggies that are grown locally. They sometimes cost a little more, but quality is worth paying for. Also, buy goods that are made from post-consumer paper that has been recycled. I have heard many people complain about these products, especially recycled toilet paper. Remember, it isn't recycled from toilet paper, and you are only going to use it on your butt anyway. If you happen to have one of those butts that is too good for recycled TP, have a talk to it. Let it know why it is located where it is, and what its function is. That should be enough of a reality check for it.

Once you have done your purchasing and you have used the products you have bought, think about what you are going to do with the containers they came in. Plastic bags can be reused in a million ways, as can paper ones. Save them and reuse them as the need arises. If you find you soon have a collection too big to store, try not bringing home new ones from the market. I have found cashiers are more than willing to give you a big plastic bag to take home the three apples you already put in a small produce bag. Tell them, "Thanks, but you can keep that bag. I don't really need it." The other containers, things like glass and plastic jars, tin cans, and cardboard boxes, can all be recycled right here in town. Why don't people recycle them faithfully? Laziness would be my first guess, but it really does not have to be a big ordeal. Get used to rinsing out your cans and jars as soon as you finish what is in them, and half the job is done. Set a bag next to the sink to drop the clean recyclables into, and all you have to do is drive them to the recycling center. It's so easy, a sixteen-year-old can do

Many other environmentally friendly changes are easy to implement, too. Take a shower only every-other day. No, trust me,

To the Editor:

In response to David Moses' guest editorial regarding the computer labs and more specifically the computer labs found in HAC, he is misinformed. As a recent graduate and current adjunct professor in the Design & Graphic Communications Department I am a well-informed individual on this subject. I feel that Mr. Moses is in need of an education as to the policy for computer use in HAC.

Both the Graphics Lab and the Business lab are designed to be used for holding classes and for students of these majors to complete homework assignments. These labs contain specialized computers with specific software for use within the departments thus, the Graphics lab (HAC 125) is for use only by DGC and IDM majors.

The reason for this exclusion of the general LSC student body is in part due to the specialized software and specific use of the computer systems in the labs, but also due to the fact that in the past, the HAC 125 lab has been subject to theft,

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you won't stink so bad that your friends stop visiting. Attaining an odor-free, germ-free body is absolutely impossible, so try instead for reasonable cleanliness. Hair that is washed everyday breaks more easily, becomes drier, and requires more time and energy to maintain than hair that is shampooed only when it needs it. In these great days of deodorant and perfumes, hairspray and gels, no one is even going to notice that you are not "shower fresh" every morning. If you just cannot part with daily bathing, limit the amount of time you spend in the tub. Buy a water-saving showerhead: they are cheap and work well.

Transportation is an area with much room for conservation as well. As I learned in my energy, environment and society class, the world's supply of oil will run out within the next fifty years. Think about that the next time you hop in your car. Are you driving a gas-hogging SUV? If so, maybe you should be sure your trips are necessary. Even if you happen to be in a three cylinder roller skate of a car like the one I drive, it is not a wise use of a dwindling resource to spend the night "cruising." No matter what your vehicle is, keeping it in good running condition, changing the oil regularly, and making sure the tires are aligned will not only improve your gas mileage and save you money, but also grant your car a longer life.

corruption, and various damage due to outside sources. The HAC 125 lab has a lock on the door and each student is assigned a key for the semester. The exclusion of students from outside the departments is for security and maintenance control.

Mr. Moses' choice of operating system is not at the heart of the issue; instead it is his frustration with the unavailability of adequate computers. This issue is one that the IT department is working to resolve. Perhaps Mr. Moses should direct his frustrations to the appropriate department rather than putting down two very hard working departments and their students. I am certain that Mr. Moses would find the students of HAC to be of the highest quality if he were to spend time in the building socializing with what he refers to as "elitist commandos."

I personally would like to extend an invitation to Mr. Moses to take a tour with myself of our labs and to view first hand the dedication and friendly work environment of our computer labs.

Sincerely, John H. Welsh Design & Graphic Com

> In line with saving oil, we must start conserving electricity. Replace a few of the bulbs in your home with energysaving bulbs that use up to 75 watts less to produce the same amount of light. These bulbs, which can be found in your local hardware store, cost about eight dollars apiece, but last between ten and fifteen years! That is a decade of lower electricity bills at one low price. Of course, when you aren't using the lights you need to shut them off. People find the most amazing excuses for leaving lights on, from the simple "I forgot" to the ridiculous "My cat doesn't like to be alone in the dark." In the end, they are just excuses, and will have to give way to more enlightened behavior.

> What else can a person do in their daily routine to lend the Earth a hand? Instead of running the water while you brush your teeth, fill a cup and just use that. Similarly, when rinsing dishes, fill the second sink (if you have one) with water rather than using running water. Use phosphate free dish soap, too. Follow the guideline "if it's yellow let it mellow; if it's brown wash it down" and you'll reduce the amount of fresh, clean drinking water being flushed away down the toilet. Shop locally: you'll keep your money in the area and save gasoline at the same time. Don't succumb to advertising by buying things you don't need. It will prevent you from

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Moses' article in The Critic. I thought that it was a great misrepresentation of LSC's computer lab availability. Personality I found the description of Graphic Design students as very offensive seeing as I am one! I have constantly used the various computer labs throughout the college, and only on rare occasion do I have to move due to a class or because all the computers are in use.

Thank you for your time, David J. M

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throwing them out later. Take back returnable bottles and cans. If nothing else, you'll have more money to buy whatever came in the cans in the first place. Wear an extra layer in the winter to stay comfortable rather than turning up the thermostat, and when summer heat becomes unbearable, take a swim instead of turning on the air conditioner.

If you are really interested in making a major change that will make a big difference, think about spending your summer apprenticing with farmers in the New England area. The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont hooks up interested folks with area farmers. Apprentices get the chance to learn about greenhouses, wood lot management, draft horses, seed saving, and much more. NOFA -VT can be reached at (802) 434-4122. You will spend a summer learning skills that will help you become self-sufficient while at the same time giving yourself an opportunity to reconnect with the land. It is so much easier to be environmentally conscious when you remember why it so worth saving.

Breakfast and budgets:

Legislators hear Chancellor's call for increased funding

By Marina Cole

The annual breakfast with area legislators and Chancellor Robert Clarke was held Monday, March 19 in the Stevens Dining Hall. Beginning with a brief reflection of Lyndon State as it has grown and changed during the last ninety years, the breakfast featured a presentation by Clarke on issues of financial concern.

When the VSC system was established, it was intended to be financed "in whole or in significant part by the state of Vermont," said Clarke. However, Clarke said, in the last decade, state general fund spending for the system of corrections has increased 152 percent while support for higher education has grown only 19 percent. Per prisoner spending in Vermont jails is roughly \$30,000 while the state spends \$3,172 per Vermont student in the VSC.

In the past, the legislature had been reluctant to increase funding for the VSC until they had cut costs. "We've got our spending under control," Clarke said to legislators, and now the VSC would like to see an increase of 11.5 percent in state funding for the next five years to bring the total level of funding to 38.6 percent of the VSC's total budget. This would be equal to funding received in fiscal year 1990.

What would the VSC do with the additional funds? Clarke said there are currently 5 million dollars in equipment needs, ranging from snowplows to computers, nearly one million of which is needed at LSC. \$650,000 is needed to finish paying for the new technology system, SASI, and health care costs continue to jump.

Clarke fielded questions from legislators after completing his presentation. Representative Cola Hudson asked for information regarding support staff seeking an increase in salary. "They were very underpaid," responded Clarke, admitting staff never should have been placed in such a position. Some employees had been making only \$12,000 a year. Under a newly negotiated contract, which has yet to ratified, the lowest paid member of the support staff would earn \$19,000 annually, said Clarke.

A discussion of technology versus liberal arts rounded out the breakfast. Hudson noticed "the tension between technology and liberal arts" and stated that he felt "there is room for both in the VSC," though he thought the morning's presentation focused on the technological aspects. To Clarke, it was "not an either/or – it's both." Vice Chair of the VSC Board of Trustees Gary Moore said the Trustees had "no intention to do harm to liberal arts."

Student leaders present for the breakfast came away with the feeling, as Student Government Vice President Casey Smith put it, "that the state in general has its money in all the wrong places."

SGA President Samantha Freeman was "astounded with the increase in corrections with our debt load" after leaving college being as high as it is. Freeman estimated she might earn \$21,000 a year after college, making her "more in debt than I'll make in a year. The numbers are discouraging."

Night out with Zone 3

Opinion

By Jennifer Manley

The music filters all the way up the stairs and onto the street. As you enter the cramped basement room known well by the college crowd as "Phat Kats," you can't yet see the band, as they are located in the back corner, but you can't avoid hearing the baseline, the bongo drums, and the voice of the lead vocalist. As you move further through the din of cigarette smoke and strobe lights, you can see several people getting down on the dance floor. From the barefooted girl with her arms swirling wildly over her head to the black-slacked girl whose every move is planned and precise, the crowd is obviously enjoying this show. The band looks happy. This being their third set of the night, they do not look tired, but rather energetic. Appropriate for a band named Zone 3. Tonight, though the crowd at the bar is unusually small, they are also unusually demanding. They stand and cheer between songs. Someone inevitably cries out to hear "Freebird." The band looks flattered; perhaps they will oblige their fans. Later, over Budweiser, drummer Mike Olmstead will struggle to describe Zone 3's "typical fan." No small wonder.

This local band, formed as it is now only last October, has been finding recent success playing to Vermont crowds. Covering songs by artists as varied as Jewel, Pink Floyd, Phish, The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, and AC/DC, it is easy to see how Zone 3 might elude the confines

of genre. Olmstead cited the band's music as rock, funk, reggae, blues, and afro-cuban rhythm. He said they were a "versatile group of independent, open-minded musicians." Olmstead sticks to the drums, but some of the other members trade off and change instruments quite frequently throughout a night's show. Natalie Cooper, whose voice is both seductively strong and playful, is often seen playing rhythm guitar or tambourine. Derek Campbell, who sings and plays lead guitar often yields center stage to Natalie as he mans the bongo drums or the harmonica. The band is rounded out by Ryan Racine on the bass, Greg Camera on the keyboards, Kevin Tatraglio on the guitar, and Jamie Denis at the soundboard.

The diversity among the band in so far as their ages, musical backgrounds, and influences, seems to allow for a musical diversity which attracts an equally interesting crowd. It is not often that one has the pleasure of hearing both AC/DC's "Dirty Deeds" and Peter Tosh's "Legalize it" in one night of music. Hence, the growing popularity of Zone 3. Several college-aged fans summed up their opinions quite succinctly by saying, in slightly stronger, more colorful language, that Zone 3 rocks.

It may please the crowd to play old favorites, and I have rarely seen a group of fans more pleased than an evening in mid December, when Zone 3 played their first free gig at a house party in Lyndonville as they satiated the crowd's urgent pleas for "Comfortably Numb." While drummer Olmstead cites Nick Mason as a definite influence, he realizes that the band as a whole has many influences. Some he mentioned were Zappa, Hendrix, Zeppelin, and the influences of classic rock, reggae, funk, world, and jazz. Their influences are reflected in the wide array of music they play. But Zone 3 has ambitions beyond those of the local Lyndonville cover band.

Most recently they have been writing and performing original songs. One memorable Natalie Cooper original entitled "Sometimes" is quickly becoming a favorite among local fans, as is the Kevin Tatraglio tune, "Sleeping with the Enemy." Olmstead verified that the band has been focusing on originals so they can "have our own sound." In terms of their future plans, Olmstead spoke about taking things one step at time. "All of us want to continue to progress as individuals and a band. We want to become a little tighter." Zone 3 hopes to put out an album in the near future and they have plans to self produce as much as possible. They also plan to play several shows in Lyndonville this spring. They will be playing on Earth Day as well as a graduation show and also up at the fairgrounds for Springfest on May 5th. While Olmstead recognized a "hugely unglamorous facet of being a musician," that is, endless hours of band practice and hauling equipment up and down stairs, they appear, at least to their fans and this observer, entirely thrilled to be playing each show. In a final comment Olmstead reported that "the only people who can stop Zone 3 are Zone 3."

Congressman Sanders addresses student debt crisis

By Marina Cole

Congressman Bernie Sanders discussed what he deemed "a crisis not yet making news," at a Congressional Town Meeting on Higher Education Funding at Lyndon State College on Monday, March 19. With an audience of over fifty students, parents, faculty, and community members, Sanders broadened awareness of the soaring costs of college education.

Sanders explained that the average debt load of a student graduating from college is over \$20,000, which does not include college-related debts carried by parents. As costs continue to climb, appropriations for such federal programs as the Pell grants are not increasing adequately, said Sanders.

This leads to a problem. "If you graduate thirty thousand dollars in debt," Sanders asked, "would you gravitate toward teaching," law enforcement, nursing, or other occupations that do not typically pay a lot? "We are losing students" in those fields because the costs of education deters people from entering positions that will not enable them to pay off their debts, said Sanders.

The problem is a manageable one, said Sanders. He supports doubling the appropriations for the Pell grant, an increase of \$13 billion dollars. Though it sounds like a lot of money, Sanders put it in perspective by explaining that President Bush's proposed tax cuts, 43 percent of which will go to the wealthiest one percent of the population according to Sanders, will mean a loss of \$1.6 trillion dollars over ten years. With surpluses in the trillions, \$13 billion becomes a small figure.

Though a commitment to higher education is a common theme in politicians' rhetoric, very few changes are being made in funding for college students, said Sanders. The reason is that members of the Congress are "not hearing from young people, faculty, and administration saying 'we are having a crisis,'" said Sanders. Sanders urged people to work together to make the message heard that funding must be increased. Then, he said, Congress would see that the issue must be taken seriously, and real changes will be made.

Some students made their voices heard at Sanders' town meeting. LSC students Peter

Emerson and Dana Amey were both part of a panel discussion that highlighted their individual concerns over debts after graduation. Emerson, who is working on his second undergraduate degree now, told his story of working in a factory making toothbrush bristles to pay off the debts he incurred earning his first degree. He looks forward to going on to graduate school, which would defer his payments on loans, but worried that interest would still be accruing as he worked toward that degree. Amey described being \$16,000 in debt with three semesters yet to go, and having to rely heavily on scholarships and grants.

VSAC representative Pat Kaiser explained how his organization works to give aid to college students in Vermont. He echoed Sander's comment that in the 80's, Pell grants covered nearly 80 percent of the cost of a four year college degree, though now that figure is less than 40 percent. The bottom line is that it "gets harder and harder for the neediest families to send their kids on to college," said Kaiser.

Scheduling changes create longer break, Sat. classes

By Sarah Robbins

A few changes have been made to the academic schedule for the upcoming school year. Class times have been lengthened, Saturday classes have been instated and the winter break will be a full week longer. According to Academic Dean, Michael Fishbein, these changes were necessary and "not something we dreamed up to make their (students) lives miserable."

The changes were sparked by a problem with the length of the spring semester. The faculty has an agreement with the college that does not allow the semester to run longer than 15 weeks or 75 days. The current spring semester runs for 77 days. The lengthening of the semester requires the college to pay the faculty for each day worked past the 75-day mark. Fishbein says this was an "unnecessary expense for the college, simply because of a bad calendar." The Faculty Federation raised the question about the length of the semester. Fishbein stated, "We were happy to be alerted to the problem." Not only was the Faculty Federation correct, their concern with the length of the semester allowed the administration to see other inconsistencies in the schedule.

Upon closer examination of the current class schedule, Fishbein said there was a "disparity between the fall and spring semesters." Every course the college offers is supposed to have a certain number of instructional hours. These hours proved to have no consistency between the two semesters. Due to the length of the spring semester, some classes had four extra instructional hours than the same course taught during the previous semester. According to Fishbein, some professors have been running out of material to teach during the extra hours.

In order to create a more consistent schedule, each class has been lengthened. Students will notice a miner adjustment has been made to each scheduling slot. Classes held on a MWF or TH schedule will be extended five minutes for each class meeting. Evening classes held once a week will be extended by ten minutes. Due to the loss of a class session on Labor Day, Monday night classes held once a week will be an exception and run for an additional 20 minutes to make up for the time lost. Fishbein believes the time adjustments "shouldn't make too much difference in lives." He hopes everyone will understand why the changes had to be made.

The minor time adjustments will provide the college with more vacation time. The break between the two semesters will be extended by one week. The spring semester will begin on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. Fishbein said the college is thinking about offering concentrated classes during the extended break. These classes will be referred to as "winter session" classes.

Another change made to next year's class schedule involves the offering of Saturday classes. Fishbein said, "We are trying to offer some Saturday and evening classes. The objective is looking to respond to nontraditional students and students that have to work." In most cases these classes will be offered in two different sections. Students will be able to decide which section fits best in their schedules.

Students will be informed of the scheduling changes upon the return from Spring Break. An announcement and survey will be distributed to each student's campus mailbox asking for scheduling suggestions.

Reaccredidation team finds strengths, weaknesses

By Jennifer Manley

of LSC

n April 20th, a meeting of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) will give its recommendation for the reaccredidation of LSC. Their recommendation will be based on a recently released report of the status of LSC. NEASC considered 11 standards on which to evaluate the school. These standards included everything from the overall mission and purpose, to the strength of the academic programs and financial resources. For each area, the team cited both strengths and concerns. Much of the NEASC report mirrored what was already written in the selfevaluation. Neither Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Fishbein nor President Carol Moore were surprised by the concerns in NEASC report.

According to the report, one of the major challenges facing the college is "the pace and scope of change, both at the college and system level." The report cited difficulties posed by ambitious strategic planning such as "the potential to immobilize an already stretched faculty and administration if clear priorities are not set" as well as a limitation in human, fiscal, and physical resources to support the plan.

This concern is echoed in a March 16th e-mail from three faculty members to VSC Chancellor Robert Clarke addressing their collective concerns about changes in the VSC system. It says that "the pressure to change is unyielding and, in some cases irrational." The e-mail goes on to mention concerns that the rapid pace of change "seems to preclude concerns raised at the colleges." Fishbein agreed that change is difficult on such a short timeframe and stressed that to address the concerns cited in the NEASC report, the senior administrators will have to work hard to provide a more nuanced set of information regarding what is happening and how it will affect the people at LSC.

Among other concerns cited by the report were a lack of adequate resources in academic departments, retention rates at a 12 year low of 56%, decreased staff and purchasing power in the library, less than adequate services for students seeking fitness facilities, and potential inequities in the support and treatment of women. Upon considering the major challenges facing LSC, Fishbein commented that they are neither unique for a college like LSC, nor are they insurmountable.

President Moore commented that the report was a fair and representative report of the college. She called the report "affirming" and recognized the report's "overwhelming praise for the people at the college." The NEASC team praised individuals in several different areas of LSC. The report cites "able, qualified professionals at all levels: faculty, administration, system." The report calls the faculty "committed" and "well-qualified" and furthermore that the students find their facul-

ty to be "dedicated, hard-working individuals who take their teaching seriously".

The study also cited the strength of "several high-profile pre-professional programs, solid programs in the arts & sciences," strong health & counseling services for students, a strongly committed library staff, and excellent living conditions in the residence halls.

The NEASC team consists of professors, administrators, and other educators from around New England and is led by University of Maine Farmington President, Theodore Kalikow. The team's report was based on an evaluation and assessment of LSC's self-evaluation report. The self-evaluation report is an extensive document prepared by the combined efforts of many members of the LSC school community. The self-evaluation assesses LSC's strengths and weaknesses as observed by people within LSC. The NEASC team's job is essentially to verify the self-evaluation report through a four-day visit. The team visited LSC last October 22-25. Fishbein is confident that the NAESC report will "absolutely not endanger accreditation." When the NAESC team presents their findings in April and gives their recommendation, they will likely ask for follow up reports from LSC regarding how the college will address the concerns cited. The full report, as well as the self-evaluation, is available for viewing in the reserve reading area of the library. The NEASC report is also accessible online through the LSC home

VSC strategic plan to increase workforce education

By Jennifer Manley

n Tuesday March 6, an e-mail went out to all faculty from Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Fishbein regarding an "early alert." The e-mail reports a meeting attended by VSC Chancellor Robert Clarke, President Carol Moore, representatives from all VSC units, and Fishbein regarding the formation of a "system-wide approach to work-force education." Workforce education, according to Moore, is an umbrella term used to describe many different educational programs, some of which LSC already has. Workforce education encompasses the education and training of students for a variety of fields. Workforce education might include preparing students to enter a specific career, retraining and updating people as their careers change, or updating particular workforce skills for advancement.

Part of the needs of the colleges as defined by the VSC strategic plan is to "more effectively serve the educational needs of the state." To that end, the discus-

sion of workforce education is designed with the purpose to fulfill that aspect of the plan and "create specialized educational programs for a range of audiences," according to the March 6 e-mail.

Moore said that the college is conducting a "needs-assessment" of the community, establishing in what ways LSC and VSC can fulfill the educational needs of area companies, educational and other organizations. Courses on such varied topics as communication skills, computer programs, accounting, or human development skills as well as continuing education, summer programs for teachers, and technical training could all potentially fall under the category of workforce training as they fulfill certain specific needs of the community. In response to concerns that the workforce education initiative, in lieu of already tight resources across the state, will negatively affect traditional students, Moore said the primary traditional students are still a priority, and that a "broad education with a thorough grounding in the liberal arts" is the best kind of education.

Student Government Notes

During the past month, clubs have been budgeting for next year.

Although House had concluded with a 6.1% freeze, some members felt it needed to be looked at again, thus House reviewed the budget and made another round of cuts.

Senate held their first luncheon on Thursday, March 22. It turned out to be very informative, with four students joining us to voice their concerns on campus, which are being looked into. A subcommittee of Senate conducted a survey the week before break to determine the largest concerns of the students.

A reminder that both
House and Senate meeting are open to
the public; there is a schedule of meetings posted by the Student
Government office in the student center. If you have any concerns that you
would like discussed and looked into,
stop by a Senate meeting and tell us
about them. W are here for you!

It's all fun and games for the Role Playing Club

By Tim DeHoff

From an idea of friends getting together and playing a role playing card game to the thought of forming a school recognized club, came the newest club to Lyndon State College, the Role Playing Club. From the creative minds of a unique group of individuals this club was brought to campus, and here is their story.

One night in the spring semester, a group of good friends came together wanting to play the card game Magic the Gathering. They searched for a place to set up their game without disruption. After not finding a space in the resident halls, they turned to an empty classroom to fill their desire for the game. The search for a place to play led to the idea of forming a game club.

With the initial plan of having a reserved place for all those on campus that are interested in role playing and other games (cards, board games etc.), the group of nine decided to go to Director of Student Life Frank Doldo for help with preparing a constitution to present to Student Government. Once the constitution was prepared, they presented it to the House of Student Government. House reviewed the constitution, and representatives proceeded to ask the club

questions. One member brought up the idea of the club becoming a branch of the Campus Activities Board (C.A.B.); approval of the constitution was tabled until things could be discussed with C.A.B. At the next House meeting, the role players said after discussing things with C.A.B. both felt it would be best if role playing was its own individual club. House approved the constitution with the inclusion of a discriminatory clause that is mandatory of school recognized clubs. After the approval of the House, it was next approved by Senate with the said changes above, and the role players were formed as a club

All the club needs now is more members to get the ball rolling. One of their main ideas is to get laser tag for a weekend here at campus during finals week. They will also be planning activities during finals week to help students relax a little. Although all the details have not been worked out yet, they plan to have a place where students can check out things like board games. All the student would have to do is hand over his or her I.D. card, which will be returned when the game is returned. "The club is always looking for members," says Role Playing Club President Steve Rhodes, "with new ideas."

Gateway to success

By Sara Roy

Gateway to Success is a program starting next year that will give 18 students some academic support at Lyndon State College. This program aims to help new, less-prepared students make an earlier switch and become more comfortable with college life. These students would already be excepted at the college even if not in this program. Debra Hale, coordinator of Gateway, states, "The students are picked through Admissions, by SAT's scores and over-all grades in high school." The program is designed for those students that have some let downs with academic life but really want to succeed in college.

The students will meet five days a week with Hale in the writing center to get some support in reading, writing, and basic math. They would also get coaching in academics by peer tutors and mentors at the college.

The new students will have earned between 21 and 24 credits toward their graduation by the end of their first year. Debra Hale states, "If this program is successful, we are hoping to expand it for the following year, with more students coming into the program."

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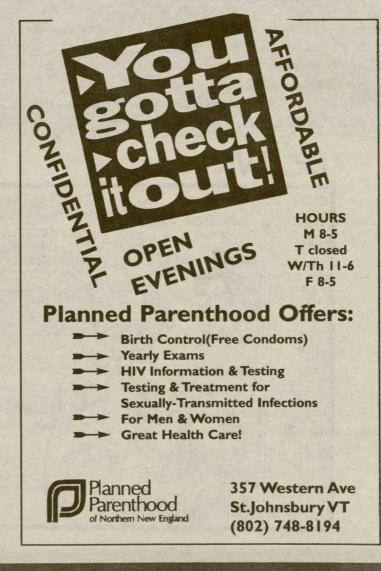
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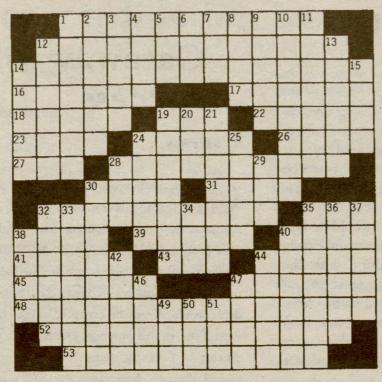
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- 1. Those who are duped
- 2. "Do unto __ ..."
- 3. Fourth estate
- 4. Goals
- 5. Well-known record label
- 6. Well-known king
- 7.151 to Caesar
- 8. Prefix meaning milk
- 9. Confused (2 wds.)
- 10. __ husky
- 11. Most immediate
- 12. Like a sailboat
- 13. Cash register key (2 wds.)
- 14. En __ (as a whole)
- 15. Auto racing son of Richard Petty
- 19. Political disorder

- 20. __ cit. (footnote abbrev.)
- 21. Traveled on a Flexible Flyer
- 24. Glorify
- 25. Prospero's servant in "The Tempest"
- 28. Well-known government
- agency 29. American league team (abbr.)
- 30. Fictional hypnotist
- 32. Style exemplified by Picasso
- 33. "She's __..." (from
- "Flashdance")
- 34. Be unwell
- 35. Visible trace
- 36. Think
- 37. Women's undergarment
- 38. Commit __-kiri
- 40. _ burner
- 42. "...for if I __ away..."
- 44. Actress Gibbs
- 46. African antelope
- 47. Well-known TV bandleader
- 49. Pince-__ (eyeglass type)
- 50. 1968 film, "__ Station Zebra"
- 51. 1965 film, "__ Ryan's Express"

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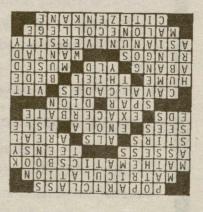
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- 17. Extremely small
- 18. Follows a recipe direction
- 19. Belonging to Mr. Pacino
- 22. Of land measure
- 23. Meets a poker bet
- 24. _ Gay (WWII plane)
- 26. Capri, e.g. 27. Belonging to Mayor Koch
- 28. Irritate or embitter

- 30. Train for a boxing match
- 31. __ and the Belmonts
- 32. Processions
- 35. Diet supplement (abbr.)
- 38. Scottish historian and philosopher
- 40. The Venerable ___
- 41. "...not with __ but a whimper."
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 - 8. Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
 - 9. Only in America.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
 - 10. Only in America.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

JOKE OF THE DAY: ^^^^^^

- 1. Only in America.....can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- 2. Only in America.....are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
- 3. Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- 4. Only in America.....do people order double cheese burgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.
- 5. Only in America.....do banks leave both doors to the vault open and then chain the pens to the counters.





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Apathy: lack of emotion, indifference

o you ever get really emotional? Maybe you learn something new that gets you excited or something happens that makes you angry. Sometimes I wonder if people have lost their ability to get fired up about things that affect them. Our current president lost the election by 200,000 votes, and that does not seem to really bother a lot of folks. Because of outdated rules designed to keep the will of the masses from determining the election (hmmm...kind of puts a new twist on the old textbook definition of democracy), we have a man in office willing to destroy the Alaskan wilderness for a few extra years of oil, give tax cuts to rich people, and turn the clocks back on years of environmental policy making. I have trouble finding local people of the president's own party that think those are good ideas, yet I do not hear anything lately about reforming the electoral college so elections are decided by the popular vote. Have people resigned themselves to the situation and forgotten about it already?

On campus I notice the same tendencies toward withdrawal. Students are willing to voice their opinions to each other, but when it comes to speaking in a unified student voice that is effective at getting attention and making positive changes, students seem reluctant to get involved. Two clubs that specialize in broadcasting the student voice have had low membership this semester — The Critic as well as WWLR, which has had a hard time finding disc jockeys. Many students say they just do not have the time to participate in such things, and many others do not take the time.

This becomes apparent, also, at LSC events. I have been to several excellent performances that were poorly attended, including the Seth Yacovone Band and last year's spring day celebration. Spring day was particularly depressing, for only a handful of students were on hand for activities as varied as readings by the Literary Society to making "trash masks." The morning band played to the bleachers; there was no audience. Students had, for the most part, gone home for the weekend.

It is high time we stop acting so apathetic. I have heard calls for increased recycling on campus, as well as other pro-environmental actions. Lets organize an eco-club that runs a stepped-up recycling program, makes efforts to keep extra lights off, and starts composting the food refuse from the

dining hall and snack bar.

The Lyndon Children's Center was recently told to make relocation arrangements since LSC would not renew their lease. Though the center was given an extension on their lease, their future is uncertain. The students and faculty whose children attend LCC should be talking to administrators to make it clear just how important it is to have on-site childcare. My own son went there for a while, and having him close by eased my mind and my tight schedule. If those who the center benefits speak up, there is a chance that the daycare will be recognized as the valuable resource it is.

If students want more computers available on campus, better events on campus, and more course offerings, why are we not writing letters to our senators and state legislators to get more state and federal funding for our schools so we can pay for those things. Further, we should be pressuring those who hold the VSC purse strings to spend our money wisely. Remember, it is our money...we pay through taxes as well as tuition and we have every right to a say in how it is spent.

There are many things we can do; we just cannot sit around waiting for someone else to start first. Get Vote during Student Government elections; dare to run for a position next time. Join a club, attend an open forum, or drop a line into the suggestion box in Vail to make your opinions heard. Be an advocate for yourself and your school by writing letters, letters to the editor, the administration, Congress. Take the time to talk to the president when you see her in the hallways. Tell her what you see that you like, and suggest changes to correct what you don't. It is hard to be responsive to feedback that does not exist, so it is in our best interest to be vocal. If we start doing what it takes to be engaged, active students and citizens we will gain a level of control over our education, our school, and our country.

Graphic Designers take offense at editorial

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Graphic Design majors, and their computer lab, I would like to take this opportunity to express our disgust for the derogatory manner in which we were described by David Moses in his guest editorial in the March 26th edition of The Critic. As we read this editorial, we at first felt moderately sympathetic for this student's dilemmas concerning the computer labs on campus, but when he went from complaining about the campus-wide "problem" to berating the students that use the labs, that is where we drew the line.

Were we unclear?

In the April 9th issue of The Critic (Vol. 47, No. 4), we published a story about scheduling changes that said, "Classes have been lengthened, Saturday classes have been instated, and the winter break will be a full week longer." Dean Fishbein and The Critic want to be sure no readers understood that to mean that Saturday classes would be required by any student. Saturday classes will be offered for those interested.

For starters, the Graphic Design lab in HAC is specifically designated for Graphic Design majors, as these Macs are equipped with software that cannot be found in other computer labs on campus. Nowhere has it been stated that this lab is open for general student use, and since David Moses is so terribly put off by Macs in the first place, we don't see why he would even want to get in here. It was not our rule to require a "keyholders only" policy for this lab: talk to security about that. Would you try to go to the Met. lab to write your paper? Would you be upset if they asked you to leave because they needed that computer to complete a meteorology-related project? You shouldn't be, because that lab is also

In that same issue, and article titled "Gateway to success" stated that students would meet "five days a week with [Coordinator Debra] Hale in the writing center to get support in reading, writing, and basic math." In fact, students will be "meeting with their professors and peer tutors in regular classes for writing and math, the only difference being that they will meet five days per week instead of three," corrected Hale.

Finally, the date posted in "April Events" for the Drag Ball should have read April 28th, not the 21st.

not intended for general student use.

Secondly, if you are writing a paper that is due in four hours anyway, it

sounds like you need to work on your priorities. How about instead of whining about Macs and how much you hate them, do something productive and actually write your paper before you find yourself in a similar situation as you have written about. I suggest that you perhaps go to the Writing Center in the future to get your papers done.

Sincerely,
Rachel "Commando" Stowell

Chorus Performance

The Vermont Gay Men's Chorus will be performing at the Unitarian Universalist Church in St. Johnsbury on May 4, 2001 at 7:30pm. A dessert reception will follow the performance. Admission at the door will be a suggested donation of \$7.00. The Unitarian Universalist Church is on the corner of Eastern and Cherry Streets. For more information, contact robnyves@together.net, or call 633-2389.

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LOCAL JOURNALIST'S WORK SENT TO PULITZER COMMITTEE

A story written by Denise Brown, a part-time English Department member who taught at LSC in the fall of 2000, has been submitted to the Pulitzer Prize nominating committee. Ms. Brown's piece appeared in the June 18, 2000, edition of the Hartford Courant and was titled "Alone in the Garden of Earthly Delights."

The Courant editors called it "the strongest story they published all year." Ms. Brown, a freelance writer, is very please to have been nominated by her editors at the Courant. "Having those editors support the piece has been overwhelming in itself," she says from her home in Lyndon. Pulitzer Prizes and nominated finalists will be announced on April 16.

Burke Mt. and mother nature make for great skiing

By Jake Lavely

or the past few years, snow-making has Γ been the battle cry of Burke Mountain Ski Resort. Whether operating under the name Burke or Northern Star, the discouraging snowfalls of recent years have caused the mountain increased costs and decreased traffic. This is not the case in this banner year of snow. Skiers have come out by the carload to carve Burke's powder covered slopes day after day, according to Burke Mountain's website, www.skiburke.com.

Record and notable snowfalls have come early and often this year, and the snowmakers have rarely operated since the beginning of the year. This, coupled with the almost daily accumulation of natural powder has provided the resort with an almost constant base depth of 30-65", and surface conditions of mostly packed powder or loose granular, according to their website. Such a record winter has been the savior of a mountain that

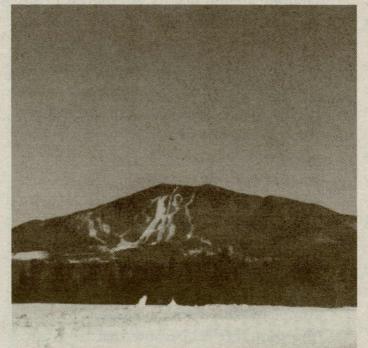


Photo by Matthew Kaier Ski conditions on Burke Mountain trails have been top-notch

was not even sure it would open this sea-

Put up for sale over most of the past year, the resort was finally sold, and its ability to open very much in doubt. They hosted a "Rally 'Round the Mountain" celebration in order to gauge local support and sell enough season passes ahead of time to open. After far outselling their projections, the mountain has become, in the minds of many locals, "our mountain." Almost on a daily basis, the slopes are overcome with LSC students, area residents, and regular visitors.

The spoils of an overly generous mother nature have assured Burke Mountain Ski Resort not only of a successful 2000-2001 campaign, but of a high probability of reopening next year. In the meantime, closing date is April 1, so make use of the last few days to hit Burke's 43 steaming trails!

Lyndon Children's Center receives lease extension, will stay on LSC campus through the summer

this winter.

By Jennifer Manley

The Lyndon Children's Center will be 1 staying in their home on Vail Hill at least through the summer, according to director Lori Phillips. Lyndon State College had given LCC a deadline of June 30th to find a new home, but after a verbal agreement with Brad Debby over a new location fell through for liability reasons, the college granted an extension on that deadline. According to Phillips, the center will stay through the summer, and possibly through next year. LSC President Carol Moore and Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton granted LCC the indefinite extension on the lease until they can find a new location. Phillips said Moore and Hamilton agreed to aid in the search for a new location.

Phillips has not been told what exactly the center will be used for once her program is gone, and she worries about finding an appropriate location off campus. She reports that there is nothing available for lease or purchase in the Lyndonville area, and LCC is in need of assistance in finding somewhere to move to. If they can't find anything, she said, "we are done."

In the past, LCC has served a great number of children whose parents are LSC



Photo by Matthew Kaier The Lyndon Children's Center was granted an extension on their lease after plans to move to the former Brown's Daycare fell through.

students, faculty, or staff. In addition, LCC has been a unique opportunity for LSC education and psychology majors to receive some on the job training right here on the

Phillips said that one possible advantage of moving out of their current location will be the chance to find a building large enough to host both the LCC and the elementary after school program they run which is currently housed at the Lyndon Town School.

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Adult learners receive awards on Recognition Night

Every year LSC hosts an Adult Learner Recognition Night to salute the achievements of adult learners. This year, the Recognition Night took place at 7 PM on Thursday, April 12th in the Burke Mountain Room. The event combined two award ceremonies, the Adult Learner Achievement Award and the induction ceremony for LSC's chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national adult learner honor society.

During the evening the following people received Adult Achievement awards: Jessica Thompson, Ann Claflin, Jennifer Sanderson, Joseph "Tony" Avona, Kelly Rackleff, Stephen Pitman IV, Angela Fournier, Amy Annis, Lucy Boone, Timothy Conroy, Patrick Ryan, Dawn Glidden, David Miller, Rhonda Drown-Saben, William Day, Carolyn MacKay, and Natalie Cooper. These students were nominated by faculty or staff members to receive the Achievement Award. They all have at least sophomore standing, are 25 years or older and a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

The following students were inducted into Beta Lambda, LSC's Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter: Kelly King, Richard Barwin, Suzanne Goodhue, Caroline Austin, Guy Mitchell, Valerie Coolidge, Diana Bailey,

Benjamin Baker, Annika McCann, Ann Claflin, Lisa Blake, Joseph "Tony" Avona, Lucy Boone, Michael Batchelder, Amy Annis, Carolyn Mackay, William Day, Colleen Doty, Heather Malone, Mary Donnell, Delia Lafebvre, Koleen Jones, Kimberly Howard, Stephen Pitman IV, Frederic Emigh, Chantel Amey, David Miller, Jessica Thompson, Laramie Bobar, and Jack Chen. To obtain membership in the honor society, students must be among the top 10% of the adult learners in their class, have a 3.2GPA or higher, be 25 years of age or older, and have at least sophomore standing.

Congratulations Adult Learners!

GEU101 reviewed to make improvements for fall

By Tim DeHoff

All new students are required to take Entering an Academic Community, but why? The purpose of GEU101 is to ease students into college life by providing them with a connection to the institution, academics, faculty and other students. After years of trying to find the proper balance between each connection, the faculty is getting closer.

In the beginning, the course was called New Student Seminar and was not a requirement. The duty of the course was to provide all the same connections as Entering an Academic Community. It was lacking in academic content, though, so after many years of New Student Seminar, the faculty decided to create a course with more aca-

demic content.

What they created was a course required by all students. They gave this new course more academic content by having a reading list and trying to deal with issues that faced the students. The problem with this new course was that students had a hard time making the connection between the readings and entering college.

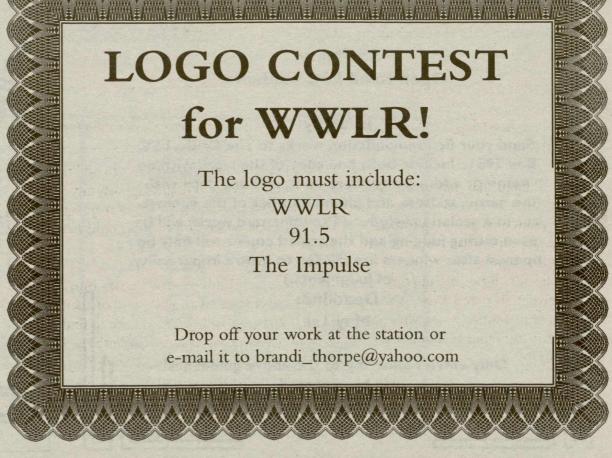
That lasted about a year or two; then came Entering an Academic Community. This was the three-credit course that appeared in the 1999-2000 school year. Students were required to go to the convocation dance, first and second major activities, and punch card events. From student feed-

back, faculty learned the dance was disliked by the students.

Punch card activities were kept, because they broaden the students' exposure on cultural affairs. "If you could envision first semester without cultural activities, what it would look like to you?" asks Dave Conant, Professor of Science.

The faculty is still discussing changes for next fall. They plan on having an open forum to get student feedback on the course. After the forum, they plan on discussing things further for the fall semester. If there are parts of GEU101 that bother you, or if you enjoy parts of the class and would like to see those aspects built upon, voice your opinion at the open forum.





Spring break takes students to Russia, Grand Canyon

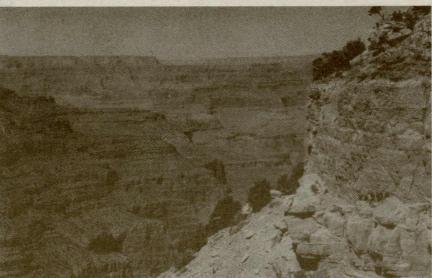
By Sara Roy

Over the spring break, some of Lyndon State's students and professors packed up their bags and headed to different parts of the world. Two such trips took students hiking in the Grand Canyon and visiting Russia.

For seven students and three professors the weather for this year's trip to the Grand Canyon was not as amazing as the adventure. According to Assistant Professor of Biology Alison Lathrop, the trip was "wet, rainy, cold, but gorgeous."

The trip started when the group flew into Las Vegas. They headed over to Red Rocks, then on to Snow Canyon where they rested for a night. The next places to hike were Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Staircase-Escalante, and on to the Capital Reef.

Adjunct Professor Ray Geremia, who has visited the Grand Canyon many



times, stated, "The Capital Reef was one of the favorites. It was very fascinating and beautiful." The Capital Reef was also a favorite with student Peter Emerson, who said, "I would like to go back there if I get the chance. It was so long, 50 miles, I think."

After spending time in Capital Reef, the hikers headed the Grand Canyon where they were shocked by how cold it was down in the lower regions. Emerson stated, "Last year I wore shorts the whole trip, this year maybe four days out of it."

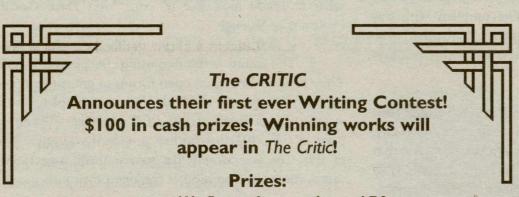
Later they reached their final destination, Grand Wash Cliffs, where they visited Lake Mead. Soon it was time to return to Las Vegas for the flight home. Emerson said, "It was a great trip and I'm hoping to do it again next year."

Five students and three professors left Lyndon State in the opposite direction, headed for Russia. They landed into Moscow and stayed there for half the day. Then they took a train ride to St. Petersburg where they visited for two days. They returned to Moscow to spend the remaining time seeing the sites there. The weather was mostly beautiful with hardly any snow, though it was a little rainy.

For LSC student Mike Woodward seeing Red Square was wonderful. He said, "Seeing the Red Square was beautiful; there is a great outlook of it, and you can feel the sense of them holding on to their culture."

The group also got to see a circus in Moscow. Woodward told how this circus is a lot like ours, except it really does not move around. The circus puts on different shows every week for the people to enjoy. Beside the circus, they got to many churches as well as the Palace of Captain Grace, where they were guided through the whole place, seeing almost every room.

For Assistant Professor of History and Education Allen Yale it was the art museum in St. Petersburg that was the highlight of the trip. "I love to see art and this museum had great art." Woodward stated about the whole trip, " It was amazing and fascinating. I would love to do it again if I get the chance."



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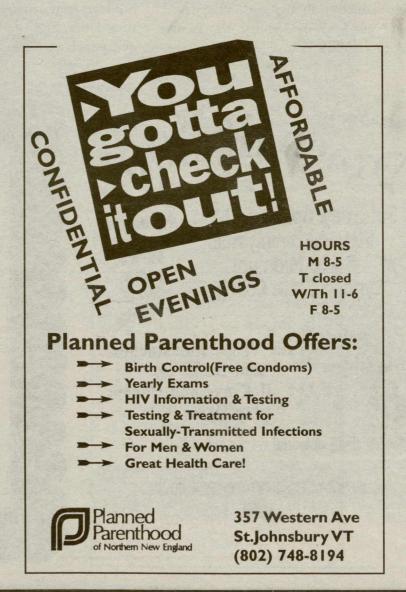
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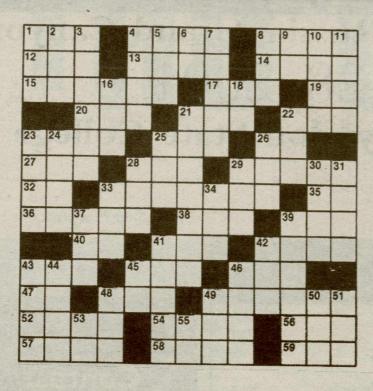
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1. Room for experiments

8. Makes handmade lace

13. Prepared food shop (informal)

4. Left slightly open

12. Barely make out

15. Mechanical device

17. Large covered truck

23. Narrow strip of wood

19. Negative word

20. ___ Angeles

27. Scottish cap

28. Wooden nail

32. Time zone 33. Not artificial

39. Japanese coin

35. Eastern state (abbr.)

36. Pertaining to punishment

38. Large fallen tree trunk

21. Color

22. Stitch

25. Wager 26. Preposition

29. Flower

DOWN

- 1. Limb
- 2. Alias (abbr.)
- 3. Chaos
- 4. Fruit drinks
- 5. Propelled airplane
- 6. Southern state (abbr.)
- 7. Metal pin
- 8. Summer browning
- 9. Human blood type
- 10. Song
- 11. Hide away
- 16. Obtained
- 18. Newspaper notice (slang)
- 21. Usual
- 22. Sun
- 23. Gait
- 24. Delayed
- 40. Russian river
- - 47. Press group (abbr.)

 - 49. Degrade
 - 52. Spouse
 - 54. Again
 - 56. Lettuce
 - 57. Braid
 - 58. Pre-Easter
 - 59. Direction (abbr.)

- 41. Floor pad
- 42. Skeleton material
- 43. Empty property
- 45. Mongrel
- 46. None
- 48. Armed battle



- 25. Wager
- 26. Sesame plant
- 28. Friend
- 29. Straggle
- 30. Prayer ending
- 31. Walking stick
- 33. Snatch
- 34. Decompose
- 37. Negative
- 39. Consolation
- 41. Wall painting
- 42. Baby's napkin 43. End table light
- 44. Gem
- 45. Western state (abbr.)
- 46. Salamander
- 48. Damp
- 49. Lion's hair
- 50. Male child
- 51. Direction (abbr.)
- 53. Tantalum symbol
- 55. Midwest state (abbr.)

Joke of the Day

A truck driver stopped at a road side diner for lunch. He ordered a cheeseburger, coffee, and a slice of apple pie.

As he was about to eat, three motorcycles pulled up outside. The bikers came in, and one grabbed the trucker's cheeseburger and took a bite from it. The

one drank the trucker's coffee, and the third wolfed down the apple pie.

The truck driver didn't say a word. He simply got up, paid the cashier, and left.

When he was gone, one of the motorcyclists said, "He ain't much of a man, is he?"

"He's not much of a driver, either," the cashier replied. "He just backed his truck over three motorcycles.

by D. Campbell



Spring Day 2001

Saturday, April 28, 2001

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9am-12noon Fishing Derby

10am-12noon Make masks out of Trash

10:30am-11am Kids Fun Run

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Ham-Ipm Barbeque

I lam-5pm Paddle Boats

12noon Tree Planting Ceremony

Ipm-2pm Absolute Zero performance

2:15pm Essay winners announced

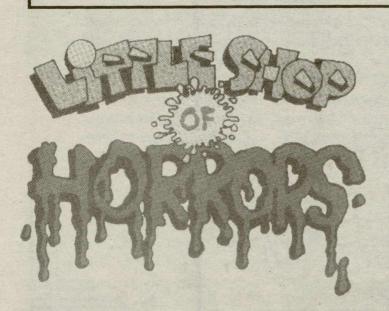
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Avoiding an identity crisis

The chancellor recently informed the presidents of LSC, JSC, and CSC that they should "strongly consider name changes" for their colleges. There seems to be only one reason for the changes, that being to add "Vermont" to the names to attract out of state students. The chancellor, therefore, suggests that Lyndon State College be called "Lyndon College of Vermont."

Change can be hard to take sometimes, even change that is necessary for growth. However, change without reason is like fixing something that is not broken. It forces people to adapt when there is no reward for doing so, and that has a tendency to make people frustrated and angry.

I cannot see what the point of a name change could be. I do not think "Lyndon College of Vermont" will sell our school to perspective students any better than our current name does. I do not believe it even has the same ring to it that the shorter Lyndon State College name has going for it.

There are some important reasons to keep our name as it is. A name is not just a label: you are your name in large part. I am a student at LSC. I am used to telling people that I attend Lyndon State. My T-shirts for the school all say LSC. I have an attachment to that name. I do not want to be in a situation where someone asks what college I go to, and I have to stop and think about what we are called. I do not want to have to say I go to LC of V, or Lyndon College of Vermont when LSC is the name that rolls off the tip of my tongue. I imagine I would look rather stupid if I appeared not to even know the name of the school I attended. And just what would the 39 years of Lyndon State College alumnae think of their alma mater changing its identity simply in the hope of attracting a few extra out of staters?

If changing our name were to suddenly make my classes more informative, the computer labs more accessible, the parking lot less crowded, the students less apathetic, I would be the first one to rally behind the change. The reality, though, is that a name change will only change our name and we will remain the same in all other aspects. If it would be a simple, cost-free change, then we would only have to get used to calling ourselves students of LC ofV and get over it, but the reality is it will be expensive and involved.

When you consider the costs inherent in such changes, you'll discover another good reason to keep the name LSC. Every single thing with our name on it will have to be replaced. We would need signs on campus with the new name on them. We would need all those envelopes in the supply closet to be recycled, and new ones printed. All the letter head in the school would need to be changed, as well as the catalogues, the website, the Critic logo, the stickers in the backs of our cars...in short every single thing that identifies our school would have to be replaced. When you consider every mug and sweatshirt in the bookstore as well as all the official correspondence, it amounts to thousands of changes. The signs on campus alone would be expensive to replace, not to mention the costs of changing everything else. Then think of costs on a system-wide level, for it would be not one but three colleges that have to make these changes.

And for what reason? To attract students that want to study in Vermont? It seems to me that any students prepared for college wishing to live in our beautiful state will know how to find the names of colleges in Vermont regardless of whether or not Vermont appears in the name. Besides, it seems like circular logic to say we need more money so we should attract students by changing our name, even though that change will cost us a lot of money. How are we financially getting ahead in this scenario?

I do not have problems with change for the better, positive changes with positive outcomes. But I have a big problem with change solely for the sake of change, especially when said changes will cost a lot of money, money that is coming from my tuition and my tax dollars. I do not waste my own money so I do not appreciate others doing it for me. This seems like an especially odd change in light of the fact that at the legislative breakfast on March 19th, the chancellor told our state representatives they need to start supporting the system more now that

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Kudos to *The Critic*, but enough from the Graphic Designers

To the Editor:

I can relate to the article "Apathy: lack of emotion, indifference" [Critic Vol.47, No. 5]. It is sad how uninvolved a lot of people on campus are and that a lot of people just don't seem to care anymore. I have seen this a lot and it's really too bad. There are some really cool events available and no one takes advantage of them.

I commend you for encouraging people to get involved and to voice their opinions. It is very important that we speak up rather than just constantly complain about things.

Really Good Article!

Sincerely,

Linda Quadros

P.S. About the computer lab article [Critic Vol47, No.3]: OK, we know that the graphic designers were offended but it's enough already, and I thought that comment about the "commandos" was pretty funny.

Avoiding an identity crisis cont.

"we've got our spending under control." Maybe we need to stop controlling spending and start controlling saving.

The chancellor has asked our president to gather some information from those of us at LSC regarding our feelings about the name change. I suggest we do just that. Lets ask the president to pass on the word that we are already aware that we go to college in Vermont, and do not need a name change that includes that information to remind us. Let her know that we do not think this is a wise use of our money. Let her know that we are attached to our name and we are not going to give it up without a fight.

Talk with the president in person or if you are not comfortable with that, drop a note in the suggestion box. Write a letter to the editor of your student newspaper – we have one issue to go this semester, so make good use of it. Remember, it is our money, it is our school, and it should be our decision to change the name or to retain the one we already have.

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Student Government Notes

The House and Senate met for a joint session a couple of weeks ago to discuss changes to the Student Government Constitution. These changes, developed by the constitution committee, help to clean up some of the "gray" areas in the constitution. Hopefully, it was voted on by 15% of the student body last week; if we didn't make 15% then you will see it again on the ballot for Senators.

House met last week and was presented a constitution for the Adult Learner's Club. This will be reviewed and voted on in the coming weeks.

Senate has been hard at work investigating things, getting petitions signed, and running elections for next year's Student Government. The gym has been a big concern on campus, and we are trying to get things changed, fixed,

or looked at. Senate has also been bringing around petitions for students to sign concerning kitchens in the Stonehenge dorms and trying to make them a top priority.

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Daryl Caver has been elected president by the student body for the next academic year; vice president and treasurer will be announced shortly.

The Senate is here for the students to try and get things changed that they do not like on campus or with the college in general. If you have any concerns please stop by a Senate meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00PM in T202. We want to hear the concerns of the students, so if there is something you would like to discuss stop by. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center hosts events for Vermont Conflict Resolution Month

May is Vermont Conflict Resolution Month, and the St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center is hosting two events to celebrate. Come to an Open House on Tuesday, May 15th. Staff and CJC volunteers will greet you and give you a tour of the Center's new space. The event begins at 4:30 pm and ends at 6:30. Refreshments catered by St. Johnsbury Academy's culinary arts students will be served.

On Tuesday, May 22nd the Center will also sponsor a "Demonstration Night" from 7 - 9 pm. Watch as real cases are role played by

CJC volunteers and community leaders playing themselves! Each type of conflict resolution process used at the Center will be role played: Reparative Boards, Conferencing and Mediation. You can watch one demonstration from beginning to end or move from one process to another. Refreshments will also be served.

The St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center was formed in mid-1999 and is one of only three in the state of Vermont. In addition to Director Dinah Yessne, the staff includes Kathleen Mendes, Juvenile Coordinator; Maureen Murphy, Reparative Board Coordinator; Connie Sigouin, LSC intern; and more than 50 trained community volunteers who serve as mediators, conference facilitators, and Reparative Board members.

The St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the community to resolve conflict, and to promoting the principles of restorative justice throughout the entire community. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and is located at 1249 Main Street in St. Johnsbury, where the police department used to be. For more information call 748-2977

Let Career Services help you find that perfect job

By Marina Cole

As the summer months and graduation fast approach, students naturally start thinking about landing the job that will pay the bills and put spending money in their pockets. Sometimes that task can be daunting, but not so if you let Career Services give you a hand.

Career Services, according to the undergraduate catalogue, "provides a variety of career planning and placement services for all Lyndon community members." Such services may include choosing the appropriate career, preparing a resume, conducting a job search, or preparing for the interview process.

Career Services has a variety of information and resources at their disposal to aid students in finding jobs. "It's come to my attention that some students don't know that Career Services has a web site," said Linda Wacholder, Director of Career Services. The web site "includes links to some excellent job search sites that deal with specific industries and/or professions," said Wacholder, who hopes that students will access that information and use it to find the work they want.

As vacation approaches, students use Career Services more and more. "Some are walking in regularly letting me know their job search status," said Wacholder. Others are busy setting up internships, getting pointers on resumes, and role-playing mock interviews. "I've worked with loads of students this year, helping them to focus their career choices, assist them in their job and/or internship search and, of course, helping them in developing their resumes and cover letters," said Wacholder.

If you would like help narrowing your career choice, preparing a resume, getting through the interview process, or setting up an internship, stop into the Career Services office, located at Vail 318. They can also be reached by phone at 6441, or e-mail Darlene Gilman at gilmand@mail.lsc.vsc.edu.

Conroy and Ryan to present research at Psych. Convention

Tim Conroy and Patrick Ryan, both of Newport, have been selected to present their research at the American Psychological Society's 13th annual convention in Toronto, Canada, June 14-17. Conroy and Ryan are seniors at Lyndon State College majoring in psychology.

Conroy's research project was conducted during his internship in India and is titled "Affectionate Touch in the U.S. and India: A Cross-cultural Analysis." Ryan will present findings from his research study on "The Relationships between Mathematics Anxiety and Mathematics Self-Efficacy." In addition to presenting their work, both students have entered their papers in the stu-

dent competition sponsored by the Society.

Also presenting from Lyndon State will be Associate Professor Lori Werdenschlag. Her paper is titled "Sensory in Jeopardy: A Demonstration of Agerelated Changes in Sensorimotor Functioning" as part of the American Psychological Society's Teaching Institute.



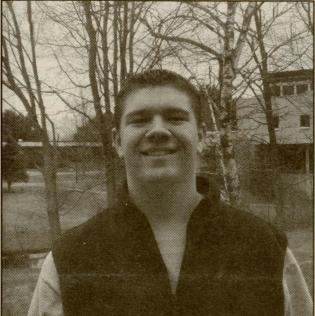
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LSC considers changing name to attract out of staters

By Jennifer Manley

Narch 30, 2001, VSC Chancellor Robert Clarke sent a memo to the presidents of LSC, CSC, and JSC stating that, "It is agreed that CSC, JSC, and LSC should strongly consider name changes." The suggested name for our school, which the memo describes as "most supported," would be Lyndon College of Vermont. Castleton State would accordingly change their name to Castleton College of Vermont, and Johnson to Johnson College of Vermont. CCV and VTC would remain unchanged. As the name



"I think it's a good name but I don't see what's wrong with Lyndon State College... Lyndon College of Vermont is a mouthful." - Philip

Photo by Jennifer Manley

change is still only a possibility, LSC President Carol Moore has been asked to relay student, faculty and alumni opinions to the chancellor about how we at LSC would henceforth like to be identified as "Lyndon College of Vermont."

In a random sample of LSC students and faculty, opinions ranged from mild enthusiasm through confusion, blank indifference and slight negativity to condemnation of and utter outrage at the thought of a name change.

Junior Dana Amey described the suggested name as "lame" while Julie, a senior communications major, thought the name change would make "no difference at all." A few students were confused about whether or not a name change insinuated a new relationship with the University of Vermont. Communications major John Silvias asked, "Will we be becoming part of the University of Vermont?"

The change in the name is simply that. It does not indicate any actual changes in the nature of the college or its relationship to the other state colleges or the University of Vermont. The issue it seems, for the admin-

istrators, faculty, and students I spoke with, is a matter of perception. It has been suggested by President Moore that the name change "de-emphasizes that we are a state college and the benefit of that is that students who look at our tuition, which is the highest in the nation, don't get sticker shock." Responding to that suggestion, English major Seth Osmund said, "we are a state college, we were founded as a state college, we've come to expect money from the state, and just because we are not getting money from the state we are changing our name?" Upon contemplating the president's comments, LSC student Beth said, "I think it's a good idea to change the name but if they are going to make it sound like a private institution then they better start acting like a private institution." Some students thought that Lyndon State College sounded just fine. Gary Dennis and Jamie Denis both categorized the current name as "prestigious." Other students thought that a new name would in fact give the school a bit of a new attitude. LSC student Jared Higginboeham said that Lyndon College of Vermont sounded "more prestigious. Like, you can't afford that."

A student named Steven said, "I have heard that some people think that this is like a community college...then maybe changing the name to Lyndon College of Vermont would change that stigma that it has with the name state college; maybe Lyndon College of Vermont would be a good thing."

Many students were concerned about the price tag attached to a change in name. Considering that letterhead alone costs the school about \$1000 annually, according to Deborah Hale, one student commented that, "since the school is so poor already, having to print up all that new letterhead is going to put

the school in the black" and that "if the cost of the change of the name will further contribute to the phase out of the liberal arts program, I will cry myself to sleep at night." Senior Danielle Gerrior had similar concerns: "They should leave things alone. Things are fine. I came here to Lyndon State College to get a degree from Lyndon State College and I just feel that they should just butt out. They need to be building up their departments instead. They just need to leave things alone."

President Moore responded to some of these concerns, including the cost associated with a name change in the area of reprinting everything from letterhead to coffee mugs, but cited that one of our,

"first worries is recruitment and anything that could enhance our recruitment of students goes along with our top priority so to that extent it is somewhat of a priority."

Many students questioned why the change was necessary. Ryan Wood said that he felt, "a little negative about it. It's been known as Lyndon State since its creation. I like the name." Sophomore James Edwards concurred saying, "I think it's the dumbest thing I've ever heard of. How after 90 years of tradition and heritage can you change it to Lyndon College of Vermont?" One faculty member suggested that the chancellor wants to change the name because he has "nothing better to do" and another that the name change is "all about money."

Another potential positive of this change, according to President Moore, is that it would put the word Vermont into the name. "Vermont is attractive and appealing to people outside the state. There is some evidence that leads us to believe that Vermont in the name would be attractive for students."

Said Jamie Denis, "People are coming here because of the region, smaller classes, stuff like that. The college should speak for itself, changing the name isn't going to do anything... it's got a prestigious name; Lyndon State College, they should stay with it. Why the name change? Really it's not going to do anything."

If you have an opinion on the possibility of a name change, you can voice your opinion in The Critic. Address your letters to the Editor. Dean Michael Fishbein has urged us all to send our thoughts and reactions to President Moore.



"I don't think it will make any difference at all because quite honestly I'd never heard of Lyndon State until I came here and I don't think I would have heard of it even if it was called Lyndon College of Vermont."-Julie

Photo by Jennifer Manley

LSC Faculty toast retiring members Wood and Stanley

A lively group of Lyndon State College faculty gathered on Tuesday to say goodbye to two retiring faculty members, Marty Wood and Laurel Stanley. Both are retiring at the end of this semester. Wood has taught at the college since 1986, and Stanley, now library director, has worked in the library since 1978.

When Wood came to LSC from South Dakota to direct the teacher education program in physical education, she joined Dudley Bell to make it a department of two. Since those early days, Wood has created a program that turns out the top PE teachers in the state. "I regularly get calls from schools around the state asking for LSC PE grads. I wish I had more to give them," she says. Wood says she will miss the students when she retires, but plans to find some way to stay connected to the college.

Stanley came to LSC to run library media services just before the days of the computer and has seen momentous changes in the library. Not the least of these changes was the library addition in 1995 which added computer labs, an archive and automation of the library collection among other things. All of these changes Stanley oversaw as library director, a position she has held since1991. "Leaving the library is hard for me," says



ment party.

Photo by Matthew Kaier

Stanley, "because of the camaraderie that I will be leaving behind. That is what makes the LSC library a special place."

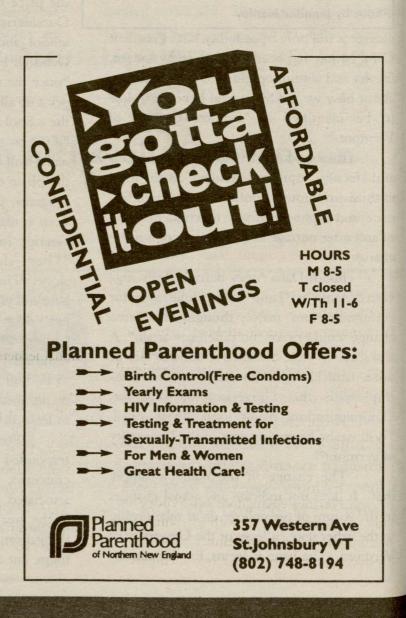
LSC Seniors to gather for Robing Ceremony

Lyndon State College faculty,

Staff and students will gather
on Thursday, May 10, to honor
the senior class as they don their
academic robes for the first time.
Academic awards will also be presented during the ceremony.

Retiring faculty member Marty Wood, who has taught at LSC since 1986, will be the keynote speaker. Also speaking will be Richard Portner, professor of television studies and fine and performing arts, who will deliver the charge, and senior Dina Freedman, who will explain the significance of academic regalia.

This event is open to the public and will be held in the in Alexander
Twilight Theatre starting at 3 p.m.



Science, other departments feeling the squeeze

By Jennifer Manley

A March 12th article on the narrowing of the English Department which appeared in The Critic elicited a response from faculty members of other departments who felt they had similar concerns which should be addressed. While many academic departments did not have complaints they were willing to voice, one in particular, the Natural Science Department, had concerns that echoed those communicated by English Professor Richard Moye.

The chair of the Natural Science Department, Metin Yersel, explained how his department is dealing with the shortcomings they face. The science department is staffed by five full time faculty members at present. A sixth position is vacant. This sixth position, according to Yersel, would teach a good deal of general education classes, thus lessening the load on the other professors. Both the English department and the Natural Science department are charged with a certain number of general education classes, as all students are required to take classes in those disciplines regardless of the chosen major. According to Yersel, the faculty position that was left vacant three years ago when Don Miller retired has

yet to be filled due to the fact that the administration has denied the department permission to do a faculty search. According to Yersel, the reasoning behind the denied request is the fact that other departments are in need.

While Yersel said he was certainly "sympathetic" to the needs of the English and other departments, his concern was course overload. He said that the result of understaffing is course overload, and the overload which the Natural Science department is carrying at this point, and will continue to carry throughout next year is "not sustainable." While this concern echoes that of the English Department, it was not a concern for everyone. Catherine Deleo in the Recreation department thought that the course load compared fairly evenly with that of other departments and other schools. The result of course overload, which Yersel explained as having to teach any credit hours over the contracted 12, is not only "really stressing us out," but forces students into classes they do not want to take. At present, the Natural Science department is teaching a total of 25 overload credit hours among the five full time faculty. With the overload and the help of adjunct professors, they are able to offer all the courses necessary to sustain both the science

majors, but, said Yersel, "It is not possible to keep doing this overload."

Both David Bradley, The chair of Business Administration, and Deleo cited their concerns regarding research opportunities. Bradley said that "sometimes we are and sometimes we aren't" expected to do research. If not, he thought his course load could be categorized as "tolerable." Were he to be expected to do research it would be "heavy." Deleo did not see the course load as a problem, but cited a lack of funds for professors to "participate in workshops, conferences, and conduct research."

It is not just the English and Natural Sciences whose vacant positions are being left unfilled. Bradley reports that the space left by retiree Henry Ingraham was not filled due to "budgetary reasons." During a February interview, Dean of Academic Affairs Dean Fishbein assured that when there is concern about understaffing in a department, every effort is made to provide for adjunct professors and other options for students. Yersel was concerned, however, that finding adjuncts to teach such classes as microbiology is not an easy task. Furthermore, he said, when you hire a full time faculty member you are not just getting someone to teach a class, but rather you are purchasing a "complete resource package."

School Development Center committed to "effectively sharing our resources"

By Jennifer Manley

This past January, the Northeast
Kingdom School Development Center
(often referred to as SDC) quietly moved
into an office on campus. The office, filled
with filing cabinets, a couple of desks, rows
of bookshelves, and a blackboard covered in
handwritten charts, is occupied by Bruce A.
Richardson and is dedicated to sharing the
"resources, talents and expertise for the purpose of improving instruction in all regional
classrooms," according to its mission statement.

The Center, which is co-directed by Richardson and Linda Metzke, has a partnership with the superintendent of schools of each Northeast Kingdom supervisory unit, the headmasters of both St. Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon Institute, as well as President Carol Moore and two members

of the community. According to Richardson, the purpose of the Center is to provide "professional development opportunities" for both teachers and administrators working in pre-K through grade 12.

SDC is dedicated to the implementation of comprehensive school reform in the Northeast Kingdom, as well as providing the support, training and assistance for educational leaders. Their location close to the education department at LSC is an advantage being that they intend to work closely with that department. In the immediate future, SDC is planning to offer 18 courses for students, teachers, and others in the field of education.

In a publication called, "Vision, A look Into the Future," the long-term goals of the Northeast Kingdom School

Development Center are outlined. The center strives to be, among other things, an organization that meets the needs of the area's individual educational institutions by providing professional development activities. They also want to encourage educators to work collaboratively to access necessary resources, to be a clearinghouse for ongoing professional development, and to provide clinical field experience for college instructors. Lastly, the center is "utilizing the community at large as a learning environment for its teachers, connecting them to the needs of employers and the workforce of the 21st century." The Northeast Kingdom School Development Center can be found on the fourth floor of Vail, behind the student lounge, in room 439.

Entertainment 8

Spring Day 2001: All fun and games at LSC

By Marina Cole

Saturday, April 28th was a sunny, cool day, perfect weather for LSC's annual Spring Day extravaganza. This year's Spring Day proved a huge improvement over the 2000 festivities both in the number and variety of activities and in terms of turn out. Many students and community members came to enjoy the bands, barbecue, and boating.



Sandy Raynor
Day to

Local artist Sandy returned to Spring Day to guide folks through a "trash mask" workshop. Participants learned how to turn ordinary garbage (the clean kind, not food wastes and the like) into beautiful, crepe paper-covered masks. Raynor has been experimenting with this unique form of recycling for years, and some of her amazing creations were on display in the theatre lobby.

masks could be found a group to any interested student.
of necklace makers. These people, both
young and old, had a wide variety of
beads and strings to work onto wearable
art.

One door down in the

Set up in the Student Center were clubs and groups raising money and awareness. The hockey club had a member on hand to search out recruits. The business club and the role-players both had raffle tickets for sale, and the Literary Society had Lyndon Reviews for sale. The Passumpsic Valley Riverway, an offshoot of the Passumpsic Valley Land Trust, set up a display to bring attention to conservation, good land stewardship, and access to our local river. Just outside

The library pond was uncommonly busy as it was the temporary home to two paddleboats. The small watercraft are propelled by the leg power of the duo riding in the front, and there is room in bad for two passengers. This reporter took three rides throughout the day on the boats, which were rented from Wheele Sports in Lyndonville.

the Student Center, Renee Michaud wateaching tye-dying. For five dollars, peo

ple could purchase a Spring Day T-shirt

and turn it into a one of a kind piece of

artwork.

Facepainting, free trees and balloons, and a raffle sponsored by ASSIST to

provide earthquake relief for India and El Salvador could be found next to the fountain pond. A Spring Day tree was planted around that pond also, by Jonathan Davis.

Rivaling the paddleboats for popularity were the three bands that rocked campu between one-thirty and five thirty. The band formerly known as Absolute Zem (they are experiencing problems due to a video squirm that apparently owned the name first) played a mix of

covers and original work. They were fol-



LAC building from trash The Red Bull car made an appearance on campus. Red Bull the drink was passed out that apparently owned the masks could be found a group to any interested student.





lowed by Pellegrino and Band, who turned it over to the local band Zone 3, whose members include several LSC students.

Though the music was loud, the

Literary Society had little trouble with their outdoor poetry reading. Students and faculty members shared original compositions, some of which are featured in The Review. Readers included lennifer Manley, Bradley Ross, Seth

Osmund, Lorie Vincent, and Andrea Luna, though Ari Dann stole the show with his piece of prose poetry called "rant 2 rave."

With all the fun and games, folks were bound to get hungry. They had a chance to satisfy their bellies in the dining hall with a barbecue that featured the usual fare: hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, watermelon and the like. Ben and Jerry's ice cream and cake were served later in the day as well, and Red Bull and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters provided liquid refreshments.

Other campus events included bingo sponsored by Sigma Zeta, basket-ball games in the gym, and a performance of "Little shop of Horrors." The fire department was on hand and admissions

took the opportunity to show off the school to perspective students. WWLR offered anyone interested the chance to become a DJ for one minute, and "Stinger" the hornet strutted around campus.

Spring Day 2001 was a success in large part due to a change of date. Last year, Spring Day was held on Easter weekend and attendance was low. Student Government, the group that organizes Spring Day, was more careful in choosing a date for this year's event, and it paid off. Though student Government

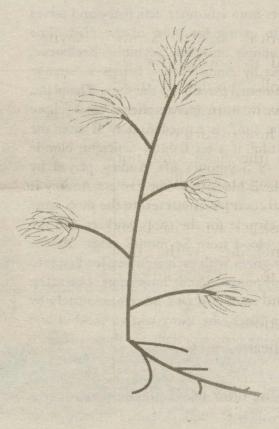
Advisor Jonathan Davis said they

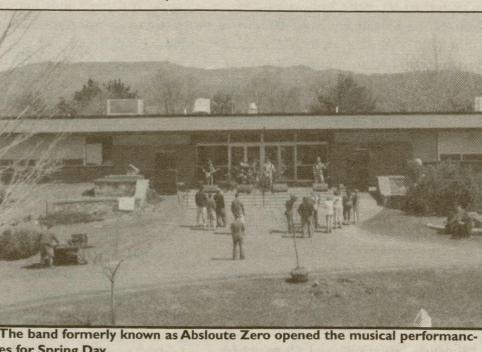
were "a little disappointed" because they "should have more centrally located everything so everyone would be in same the place," the day was still a hit. If you missed all the fun, be sure to es for Spring Day check

Spring Day when it rolls around next year. You won't be disappointed!



Some of Sandy Raynor's Trash masks were on display. Raynor led a workshop on creating the unique masks.





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Photos of Spring Day by Matthew Kaier

Giant man-eating plant invades Twilight Theatre

By Jennifer Manley

The Alexander Twilight Players, the LSC theatre group, spared no expense and few man-hours in their effort to produce the largest LSC theatre production in recent history, and the first musical production in over ten years. Complete with a five piece musical ensemble, 30 musical numbers, a sadistic dentist who enters on a real motorcycle, and a six foot tall man-eating plant affectionately named Audrey II, Little Shop of Horrors debuted to a nearly full Alexander Twilight Theatre on April 26th and ran through the 29th.

Mr. Mushnick, played by Twilight Player veteran Jason Scherer, is the kevetching owner of a Skid Row flower shop that suffers from customer deficiency and serves as the setting for most of the play. The charmingly insecure Seymour Krelborne, played by Amos Parker, brings a "strange and unusual plant" into the shop. The plant, which we learn appears after a "total eclipse of the sun," is named Audrey II after the beautiful, if a bit fashion deficient, blonde love of Seymour's life, Audrey, played by Deborah Mackay. In the first act, Audrey II draws countless customers to the shop, fame and fortune for the shop workers, and the very blood from Seymour's veins. As the plant grows with each repulsive feeding into an impressive and boisterous character, whose voice is played quite passionately by Scott Black, the show takes a morbid and shocking turn, especially for those audience members familiar only with the movie version of this Broadway musical. The show was chock full of such sing along favorites as "Downtown", and "Dentist!" mixing the solo performances of the leads with the synchronized moves and voices of Ronnette, Chiffon, and Crystal, played by LSC students Amber O'Hara, Annalise Kurtzhalz, and Carissa Larsen, respectively. This 1960's girl group rip-off version of the Greek chorus is forever cluttering Mr. Mushnick's front stoop, buffing their nails, and fulfilling their classic role by moralizing to the audience about the actions of the players. They even tangle with the sadistic Dentist Orin Scrivello, played with humor and excessive leather by Thomas Perry.

Deborah Mackay nails the tentative high heeled walk and ear piercing NYC accented voice of Audrey, while still managing to belt out such strongly sensitive songs as "Suddenly Seymour" and "Somewhere That's Green."

The many musical numbers were performed live in the theatre by a four piece



The Twilight Players performed "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Alexander Twilight
Theatre April 26 through the 29th.

Photo by Jennifer Manley

ensemble consisting of Johanna Kennedy on piano, Paul Larouchelle on the keyboard, Joel Barry on the drums, and Jesse Howes on the bass.

The cast was rounded out, and the leads occasionally and unfortunately drowned out, by the instruments and the Skid Row Chorus, consisting of James Currier, Michael Weems, Jamie Easterbrook, Megan Lapourte, Erika Scherer and Kevin Legace.

Many of the chorus members had double duty, serving as various members of the crew. Chorus member Erika Scherer no doubt had her hands full as props manager with the likes of Audrey II. On lease from a New Hampshire based production company, she was perhaps the most world-renowned member of the cast. Standing over six feet tall and weighing in at over half a ton in its crate, the giant plant puppet had been on stage in Germany, Barbados, Hawaii and the Middle East before making it to the NEK. Director and choreographer of the show, Michele Leberge said of Audrey II "she is truly amazing." Audrey's movements had to coincide with the voice of Scott Black. That was the challenge facing puppeteer Dan Currier, who had the help of as many as five other crew members at certain points. Leberge described the job of orchestrating the plant's movements as "incredibly physically taxing" and if Currier's exhausted and sweat-drenched appearance at curtain call opening night was any indication, she was not exaggerating. The movements of Audrey II were quite convincingly done, save for an undisguised moment

when the audience glanced the puppeteers climbing inside the puppet. This and a few other minor technical difficulties were easily enough overlooked, as the constant action, comedy, and musical numbers allowed the audience to suspend their disbelief just enough to overlook the plant's too-human qualities. One young audience member was convinced enough after Thursday night's performance to ask if he could possibly go onstage to pet the strange and unusual plant.

While the show only ran for three evenings and one matinee, it was the culmination of four months of work on behalf of the cast and crew. January's open auditions brought out both LSC students and members of the greater community. Director/choreographer Michele Leberge is both an LSC alumni and an active member of the community. Having been a Twilight Player herself as one of the first graduates of the LSC theatre program, Michelle has been involved with the Players in both acting and directing ever since. She categorized this spring's show as "truly a college and community show." Recently married LSC alums Jason and Erika Scherer are both Twilight Players who keep coming back for more. Having played many parts and held several different positions within the group over the years, Jason decided to return to the stage for Little Shop in part because he felt it to be "probably the best musical to come out in last 20 years." The Twilight Players should be back on stage this fall with another production.

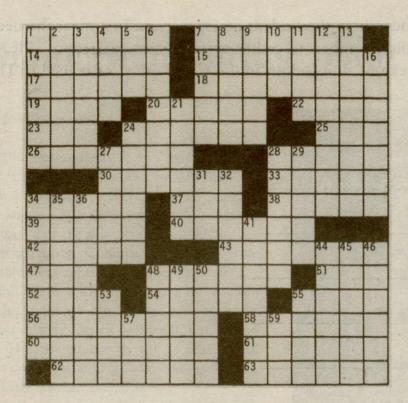
Entertainment 11

Your Critic editor is getting things in order for next year. To judge how the student newspaper can best meet the needs of the LSC community, she has decided to survey students, staff, and faculty members to gather opinions and suggestions. Please take a minute to answer the following questions. Completed surveys can be dropped off in the Critic office, or mailed to The Critic, LSC Box 7951, Lyndonville, VT 05851.

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9 am - 12 pm	Ari Dann Funk/World	OPEN!!! DJ NEEDED	P.J. Coffi Top 40 Alternative	Bill Hart Big Band Vodoo Daddy	Karen (Special K) Medly	Linda Q. Rock	Tim Hagerty Acoustic Cafe
12 pm - 3 pm	Krishna Kelley Mix	John & Mike Lynch Rock/ Funk	Rob Hebert Top 40 Alternative	Jim C.	Chuck K Alternative/Punk & New Music	Tim Hagerty Alternative	Derek Acoustic
3 pm - 6 pm	Matt Wood (Zebby) Reggae	Tim Monahan 60's Rock	Jared Higginbotham & Kevin Legace Metal Rock (Higgz & Antifreeze)	Amanda McDermott (Galaxy Girl) Rock	Erin Small, Geremy Deforge & Matt "Picklez" Henson Hip/ Hop	Kevin Lagasse	Carrie Sullivan Dance & Hip Hop
6 pm - 9 pm	Jesse & Pete	Dave M.	Jen O. (Redwolf) and Brian M. (Dudewolf) Indie Rock	Mike Bond	Linda Q. Rock (all kinds)	Tim Z. & Joe	Bill Hart Big Bad Vodoo Daddy
9 pm- 12 am	Jazz	Jamie D. Bad Touch Radio	Fred Placey & Crew Bubba's Sulky Lounge	Hooligans Happy Hour w/ Chuck King Alternative/ Rock	Captain Hawaii and Special Guests 80's Big Hair Rock	Elia	Pat Driscoll & Matt Silver Rap/ Techno
12 am - 3am	Andy & Spaz RPM	Russ Chapman & Joe Bourdeau Metal	Scott Waite & Moe Lamiere RPM	Tim Dehoff Happy Hippies Punk/Ska/Hard Rock	Jason Bardeleben & Nick Virostek Metal/ Rock	Art Entwistle Rap Core	Pete M. Techno

FUN 12



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- 1. Neck part
- 2. Muse of astronomy
- 3. Field of work
- 4. James Arness role
- 5. Greek vowel
- 6. Doc Holiday's occupation
- 7. Hurt
- 8. Thick and sticky
- 9. Battery terminal
- 10. Terre Haute's state (abbr.)
- 11. "And ___ word from our sponsor"
- 12. Crème de menthe cocktails
- 13. Part of an octopus
- 16. Skim along a surface
- 21. Hosed down
- 24. Jeers

- 27. Bert's pal
- 28. Kelly of clown fame
- 29. TV producer Norman, and family
- 31. Prefix for gram or graph
- 32. Deflate, as spirits
- 34. Faint light
- 35. Paint the town red (3 wds.)
- 36. Leave one's homeland
- 41. Dancing faux pas
- 44. Lacking vigor
- 45. Certain tie score
- 46. Did not bid
- 48. Crosses a stream
- 49. Watch brand
- 50. Adjust one's watch
- 53. Make eyes at
- 55. Wake eyes at
- 55. "It's ___ ...world"

59. High note

57. "A mouse!"

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- 1. Totted up
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- 14. Make
- 15. Implies
- 17. Wickerwork material
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- 20. Suit material
- 22. Part of ABM
- 23. Expression of disapproval
- 24. Textile-coloring method
- 25. Slangy pistol
- 26. Japan, China, etc (2 wds.)
- 28. Choose
- 30. Like dirt roads
- 33. Miss Oberon
- 34. First American in orbit
- 37. Rater of m.p.g.

38. Microwave device

- 39. Calculus concept
- 40. Headlight switch
- 42. Climbing vines
- 43. Pause at Indy (2 wds.)
- 47. Character in "Little Women"
- 48. Bette Davis movie, "The
- Petrified ___"
- 51. "__ Clear Day..."
- 52. Spanish surrealist painter
- 54. Foretokens55. God of war
- 56. Decorative shelves
- 50. Decolar
- 58. Rhythms 60. Ann ____, Lincoln's ill-fated
- 60. Ann fiancée
- 61. Girl in "The Graduate"
- 62. Steals a glimpse of (2 wds.)
- 63. Like some cells

Jokes

How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest?

They Take The Psycho Path.

How Do You Get Holy Water?

You Boil The Hell Out Of It.

What Do Fish Say When They Hit A Concrete Wall? Dam!

What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice Too

Long? Polaroid's

What Do You Call A Boomerang That Doesn't Work?

A Stick

What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours?

Nacho Cheese

What Do You Call Santa's Helpers?

Subordinate Clauses
What Do You Get From A Pampered Cow?

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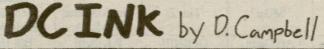
Spoiled Milk

What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea

Soup? Anyone Can Roast Beef
Where Do You Find A Dog With No Legs?

Right Where You Left Him









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Fishbein appointed Dean

Narrowing of english department causes graduation uncertainties

WWLR overcomes equipment
damage, lack of DJ's to rock

ISC again

LSC student files lawsuit against college

Dean, Dwyer and Pollina

School's

LSC meteorology Society receives national recognition

Lyndon Childrens Center receives

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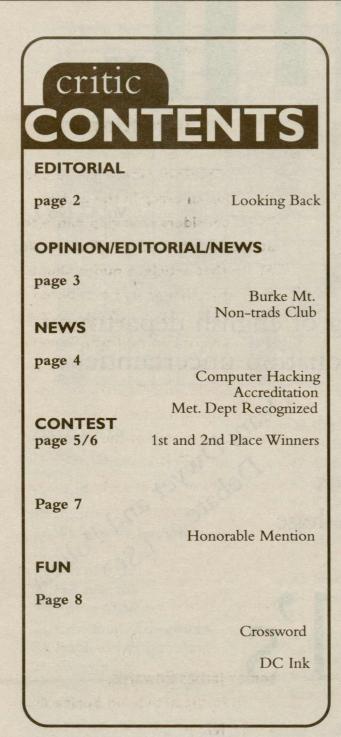
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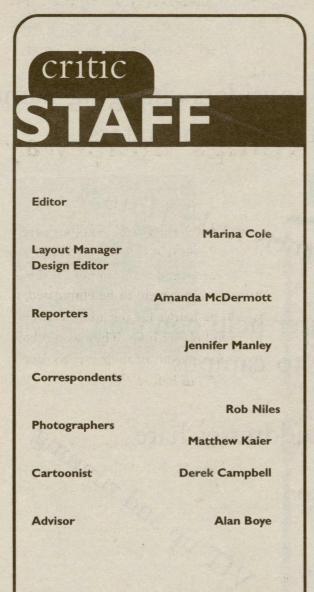
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Where have we been and where are we going





Looking back: the year in review

The end is near! Classes are over, and in just four short days exams will be, too. The winds must be ripping around Lyndonville with the force of our collective sigh of relief. It has been a year of changes for our school and the greater VSC system. Don some mental sandals and let's stroll down memory lane for a look at the past year as covered in The Critic.

LSC started school year 2000 - 2001 with a new Dean of Academic Affairs, Michael Fishbein, as well as a new way to take classes through Vermont Interactive Television, which moved into first floor of the Vail building over the summer. However, we were missing the presence of one of the most popular clubs on campus, WWLR. The station suffered water damage in the previous semester that kept them from the airwaves. Also disappointing was the possibility of Burke Mountain closing due to uncertainties in projected season pass sales.

Governor Dean, Ruth Dwyer, and Anthony Pollina debated the issues surrounding the gubernatorial election in a bursting Twilight Theatre in October. Things were expected to get rowdy as the controversial civil unions bill was discussed, but the debaters and the crowd remained relatively calm. Gay and lesbian students on campus were not privy to the same sort of peace, however: in the first three months of the new academic year, hate crimes were up three-fold over the previous year's reported hate crimes. Open forums were held to address the situation, but not before one student left LSC due to questions of personal safety.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges toured campus in October to verify the college's self-evaluation, ultimately finding our college worthy of reaccredidation. Related to self-evaluation was the revision of LSC's Policy 101, which caused a stir with some faculty members who felt future evaluations would be too focused on monetary concerns rather than academic ones.

Money seemed to be an issue this year in more ways than one. The chancellor's office announced that SOS, the computer help desk company, would be locating offices on the Johnson and Lyndon campuses. The benefits of revenue generation and job opportunities for students came up against a lack of space and questions of the ethics of for-profit companies on state-owned property. The chancellor's office also recommended name changes for the three colleges in the system that don't currently have "Vermont" in their titles, hoping that such changes will create higher enrollment. The chancellor himself made an appearance at LSC to ask our representatives to step up state funding of the state college system.

Not all changes were subject to controversy. LSC began a new smoking policy to keep smokers twenty-five feet from buildings. Scheduling changes were made that will create slightly longer classes and an extra week of winter break next semester, with the possibility of Saturday classes to be offered in the future. The return of WWLR to the air and the great sking conditions at Burke Mountain helped dull the edge of a long winter.

Some of the changes had more sticking power than others. The Lyndon Children's Center was told they must move from their home on the edge of campus, but after a deal with a new landlord fell through, LCC was granted an extension of their lease. The fate of the daycare after the extension runs out is still unknown, as are the college's plans for the space after the center moves. Also unknown are the effects of two lawsuits against LSC concerning the privacy of disciplinary hearings, which might bring changes in press coverage of such hearings.

Despite all the growing pains and controversy, students seemed to be focussed on business as usual. It showed in the varied accomplishments of individuals and groups around campus. The meteorology students in the American Meteorology Society received national recognition when they were awarded the "Chapter of the Year" title. The Met department later received free equipment as part of a Weather Services International program. Tim Conroy and Patrick Ryan presented research at the American Psychological Society's convention in Toronto. The men's basketball team made its way to the Mayflower Conference championships, and the Twilight Players put on the first musical in recent memory.

What changes will next year bring? As many an old Vermonter would tell you, it's "hard tellin' not knowin'." Here's hoping that we all return to a college called Lyndon State College, under the leadership of people devoted to improving programs and departments and the learning experience in general without selling our selves out or sacrificing out identity. Here's to improved enrollment and increased state and federal support of out colleges. But mostly, here's to a summer of fun and relaxation that rejuvenates us for next semester. 'Til then...

Lots of "Pow" Wows Burke Skiers

y Rob Niles

After reading the article "Burke Mt. And Mother Nature make for great skiing" written by Jake Lavely [Critic vol.47, no.5], I would like to share my contentment with the kiing at Burke Mountain this year. This year was an exceptional year to ski at Burke. The now was always great and it seemed that they had better conditions this year than any other year that I can remember. There could not have been a better year for the mountain to receive such amazing snow accumulations. It helped the local economy by bringing in skiers and keeping them here once they got here.

Burke received way more snow this year than their usual amount of 250 inches. This opened up more terrain in the woods than ever before. Virtually the entire mountain was skiable. Depending on your ability level you could find bombproof conditions anywhere on the entire mountain, in and out of bounds. Rocks, trees and other obstacles that would normally prevent a skier from a particular route down the mountain were buried in an insane amount of powder. All this snow turned obstacles into a playground for those who seek an adrenaline filled ski run. The depth of powder in the woods was comparable to amounts of snow you would normally find out west. With this much snow, skiers were able to find fresh tracks all day in the woods.

By having these conditions, the people who helped out the mountain by buying a season pass at the beginning of the year were able to get more than their money's worth out of their passes. Not only did that help out the mountain this year but also those who bought passes this year will be more likely to buy another one next year.

"I thought it was really good this year" said Andy Featherstone. Tim Francis said, "Without the Burke/Jay Peak Pass this season, I couldn't have been pleased in any other way, with such a phenomenal season that mother brought to the trails of Burke this 2000–2001 ski season."

Personally I think this was the best year of skiing I've ever seen at Burke. All the satisfied customers of Burke Mountain will help Burke in years to come. Word of mouth advertising is very important in the skiing industry.

This year was a successful rebuilding year for Burke. Many agree that this year was a success and are optimistic about the future of the mountain. There should be no doubt of the mountain opening with a solid financial base for the 2001-2002 season.

Corrections

The Critic would like to apologize for an error in the article "LSC considers changing name to attract out of staters" [Vol. 47, No. 6]. In that article, a quote about the name change was attributed to "Senior Danielle Gerrior." This quote did not come from Danielle Gerrior, member of the administration, who said, "I strongly disagree with what I was quoted as saying. As a part of the administration, I fear that students and staff will think that I would make a public and non-constructive statement against a policy in such an inappropriate way."

Also in the same story, LSC student James Edwards' class rank was stated incorrectly. Our sincere apologies go out to soon to senior James Edwards.

In the article on Spring Day [Vol. 47, No. 6], it was stated that the paddleboats were rented from Wheeler Sports; they were actually rented from the Village Sport Shop.

Non-Traditional Learners club gets things underway

By Rob Niles

The newest club on campus will be the Non-Traditional Learners Club. This club is being formed by Steve Pittman to give the adult learners here at school more of a voice. Pittman has sent out 150 flyers to other adult learners on campus making them aware of the club and what it is all about. Pittman is an adult learner who believes that the adult students need more representation, and he has started the club to get that recognition. Most of the legwork is done to start the club; it just needs more members, especially members to step up and lead the club. Currently there are two members in the club. They need a

treasurer, secretary and a president. Pittman is acting as the president only because of the current shortage of members.

Adult learners make up 20% of the student body here at LSC. An adult learner is defined as someone who doesn't start school until they are 22-25 years of age. An adult learner could also be someone who has taken time off from school and has come back. One of the issues that Pittman believes needs resolving is the fact that all adult learners get charged an activity fee and rarely if ever go to any of the events that the activity fee pays for. Adult learners do not participate in these activities and events because of a lack of interest; they don't go because of other responsibilities such as work

or caring for their kids. Another issue that the club will face is the existence of the daycare center on campus. If the daycare center were to be eliminated, it would be harder for the adult learners to attend classes here. They would have to go further out of their way to drop off their kids before class.

Pittman plans to really get things underway next fall at the beginning of the year. Getting started now will give the club a good base to build off of. If you are interested in joining the club, contact Pittman at smpittman@sover.net or pittmans@mail.lsc.vsc.edu.

Students commit stupid computer tricks

By Rob Niles

A couple of months ago if you were logged onto a computer at the right time you probably saw a message that was sent by some people claiming to be the IT Nazis. This message contained vulgar language and was mainly a gripe from a student, or group of students, about the computer labs here on campus. There is no known motive for them to send such a message; it was more than likely just a prank that was not funny.

Not only was this prank not funny, it was an example of someone taking advantage of an emergency function designed into the system to help students. The emergency system enables the network administrators to flash a message onto the screens of all the computers in use. An example of this system would be if the network was going to crash, this would allow the administrators to warn students using the computers of the eminent crash. By being warned about the crash, stu-

dents would then be able to save their work. They would not lose hours of typing because of the network crashing unexpectedly. This emergency system is only available on the MAC systems.

Assistant Dean of Information Technology Linda Hilton said that the suspects have not been found and that they probably never will be. The culprits never had to log onto the computer system so there is no evidence of who it was. The IT department knows where and when the message was sent from, but that's it.

Problems such as these have never happened before and it is hoped they never happen again. If any students have aspirations of committing a copy-cat crime by hacking the system and sending your own message, be assured that no one really cares about your opinion if you voice it in such a way. Not a single member of the faculty showed up to question what happened.

Lyndon receives full accreditation

In a letter citing strong academic programs and a dedicated faculty and staff, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) has granted continued full accreditation to Lyndon State College. The letter, received by President Carol A. Moore, represents the long-awaited final report following a routine, but exhaustive, campus visit by the NEAS&C Commission on Institution of Higher Education in October 2001.

In addition to commending the institution for its many academic strengths and the dedication of its employees, the Commission gave high marks to the Lyndon library, citing its commitment to collaboration with other colleges in the VSC, and to the maintenance department, which it recognized for effectively maintaining campus facilities despite limited resources.

The NEAS&C report established a timetable for follow-up reporting, typical with actions of this kind, and asked that the College pay particular attention to the challenges of managing institutional change, improving recruitment and retention and maintaining fiscal stability. The Commission noted the burdens placed on the campus as a result of the multiple demands associated with reaccreditation and implementation of two strategic plans – Lyndon State's and a system-wide plan adopted last year by the

Vermont State Colleges.

"We're very pleased with the report, which affirms the quality of our programs and services as well as our commitment to student success," President Moore commented after reading the letter for the first time. She added that it came as no surprise that the Commission would ask for a progress report in a few years.

"We are well aware that the college and the VSC are in the midst of implementing strategic initiatives on an aggressive timeline; these are plans that will transform Lyndon and the VSC."

Lyndon State has been asked to report on its success in addressing these challenges in spring 2003. In addition, it will submit a fifth-year report in fall 2005 and a full self-study in fall 2010.

Virtually the entire LSC campus participated in preparation of the NEAS&C Self-Study, submitted last summer, and in the three-day campus visit by a team of academic and administrative professionals from a broad range of higher education institutions. The nation's oldest accrediting association, NEAS&C has as its mission establishing and maintaining high standards at all educational levels. It serves 1,800 schools and colleges in the six New England states.

Glidden wins Shorey-Harvey Scholarship

The Vermont State Colleges Office of the Chancellor has announced that Dawn Glidden of Littleton is this year's winner of the Shorey-Harvey Scholarship. Glidden is an elementary education and English major.



The Shorey-Harvey Scholarship goes to a "a full-time student at a Vermont State Colleges institution who has evidenced an interest in the field of education."

Nominations are made in March by each college and forwarded to the Chancellor's Office

lege and forwarded to the Chancellor's Office for selection. The scholarship was created in 1989 by Margeurite Harvey Mariotti, formerly of Barre, in memory of her family, many of whom were involved in education.

Glidden is the second LSC student in a row to be named the Shorey-Harvey scholar.

Last year's winner was Kara Cantin.

LSC Professor Barry Hertz nominated Glidden, calling her an exceptional student and a thoughtful practitioner in her fieldwork. He praised her dedication and commitment to her family (she is the mother of two daughters) and her volunteer work with youth activities. Glidden will student teach next year and graduate in May 2002.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

T. Robert Greene, the Paul J. Schupf professor of history and

humanities at Cazenovia (N.Y.) College, has been named keynote speaker for LSC's 89th commencement scheduled for Sunday, May 20, at the college.

The author of nine books, Dr. Greene specializes in American political

history and is currently working a history of the first

Bush administration,

a history of Cazenovia College, a one-volume pictorial history of Syracuse

University and a textbook on America in the 1960s.

He has been teaching at Cazenovia for 21 years and was chosen distinguished

faculty member by his peers at the college in 1993. He holds the school's

first endowed chair, serves as college archivist, chairs the Center for

Natural and Social Sciences and is faculty advisor for the Theta Zeta

Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Commencement at LSC will take place outside under a tent at 11 a.m. on the 20th.

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Julip

By Bill Graves

She sat despondently in the middle of the playground, her heavily padded rear-end entrenched in the remaining fragments of her makeshift dwelling. Her face was red and swollen from the swirling brisk air and the tears that froze as they rolled towards her chin. The temperature was rapidly dropping but did not bother her; she stubbornly refused to move her body, though she allowed her eyes to gaze up at the stars as darkness began to descend.

A streetlight flickered some dozen yards behind her and a silhouette of her still, extended face and neck was implanted in the ground mere feet from her left hand. Murmurs of neighboring children began to materialize, still far enough away to impose no immediate threat. Again, it started to snow.

It had been only yesterday that she, Julip Schleg, lost the first of her baby teeth and was rewarded with two shiny, silver John F. Kennedy half-dollars tucked gently under her pillow. Upon finding her treasure she immediately shoved her newfound wealth into the pocket of her snow pants and went outside with her older brothers, John and Matthew. Julip now had the evidence she needed to prove to her brothers and their rotten friends that the tooth fairy was real and she spent the better part of the morning

Wagers, Women, and One-Night Stands

By Gary Dennis

She says, "All guys smell like farts," but before I could start my retort I felt the gaseous remains of my lentil soup lunch start to speak for me. I leave the kitchen for a moment, abandoning a mop and bucket, but she continues to speak through the wall loud enough to make her point, "and they act like it's such a prestigious accomplishment of sorts, I mean, well you know." I enter the kitchen again to see she has settled into the wooden chair around the table five steps away, which I would consider a definite fallout area for my nuclear bombs. I tell her I'm mopping the floor and it would be best if she went into he other room for a while. She taps her rings against the table "tap tap tap TAP" with a loud accented final smack she turns and picks up her little white Nikes that she thoughtfully removed at the door. I see her light blonde ponytail follow her out the door and smile at the conversation I just avoided.

It is Friday, in June, in Merrill, New Jersey. It's Friday the 13th, but that only matters if you're an accident-prone individual or a gambler. We are going into the city tonight, and there are a few side bets being made. The first bet is who can get laid. That is the main bet. In the event of a tie, it goes to looks, whoever scores with the hottest girl. I think I could have a chance at winning tonight, depending on which bar we go to. Jill is excellent competition though, thin and very attractive, and doesn't show her homosexuality one bit. She usually has no trouble getting seven or eight phone numbers on bar napkins, and one or two more pressed into her soft white hand with drunken pens. The numbers are those of guys who insist on buying her drinks, and never turning down a free drink she gives the impression of being interested.

mentally preparing her speech.

Christmas was approaching and although most children were on winter recess, the ones fortunate who lived within walking distance spent their vacation at Sacred Heart School for Boys, taking advantage of the spacious and snow-filled playground. Julip, a Kindergartner at St. Mary's in Middleburg, the next town over, was customarily the only girl brave enough to venture to Sacred Heart, which meant spending afternoons with dozens of older boys, including Monty Kohn, the most contemptible of all the neighborhood children

As the hours passed by Julip became the obvious target for stray snowballs and overall ridicule. She was used to being treated differently by the immature boys but could always count on her brothers to come to the rescue if things got too rough. Julip, as usual the only child by herself in the field, spent her time building a snow fort for John and Matthew for the Friday night post-dinner snowball fight which had become a winter tradition, all the while nearly bursting from keeping her secret to herself for so long. It was just

Congratulations

A hearty thump on the back to those students who participated in The Critic's first ever writing contest.

The first place prize and fifty dollars goes to
Bill Graves

Second place and thirty dollars is awarded to Gary Dennis
Honorable Mention and twenty dollars goes to Sandy Hart

Contest Winners!

This diversion usually gives me the advantage, using the time that she's distracted to move in on prospective females. We're going to The Ax, a happening bar with a good mix of girls on Fridays. We walk in and it is mostly straight girls, which is good for me, but Jill can make anyone fall in love with her. Being 5'11" with the cutest face and sincere blue eyes, he intelligence will cut down any "feeble displays of male ego" with two puffs of her Marlboro light as her thin lips mouths the words to insults of anatomy or capacities for understanding. I think she's the hottest girl in the place, but I'm in on the joke.

I'm sitting at the bar talking to a cute, barely overweight brunette girl who is feeling the effects of her alcohol. She is nervous talking to me, and slams through the lower half of her beer in three quick gulps that leave me buying her another, which she finishes in four minutes. I'm attracted to her drunkenness but decide to move to more challenging conquests. I wander toward the back looking at the girls. Every girl has something to them that I find attractive, long hair, a pretty face, or a nice body. There is the plain girl sitting at a table in the corner with some friends. She matches the dark carpeting with her jeans and simple shirt, staring at the wood grains of the table through a cola colored drink. Her pretty primped friends discuss the politics of one-night stands, but these girls aren't my type.

about time to inform everyone of her classified information and present the evidence. For the first time in her life, Julip Schleg was going to prove the older kids wrong. After putting the finishing touches on the fort that would provide safe haven for the Schleg boys during the impending battle, Julip reached into her pocket to reassure herself of the authenticity of her evidence and jogged triumphantly into the middle of the field. "C'mere everybody. C'mere." As the children began to slowly swarm around her she envisioned them jubilantly carrying her on their shoulders as a token of their gratitude for proving the tooth fairy was indeed real. This was the proudest moment in her life.

"What ya want, Julip?" Matthew said, kicking a pile of loose snow.

"Yeah, an whataya grinnin' for?" said John, pulling the woolen cap over his sister's eyes.

Almost all of the children were gathered around Julip, anxious to hear the important information that had interrupted their play. Still smiling, she took a deep breath. "Well, remember what y'all said about the tooth fairy not being real and all that?" The boys sighed in discontent. "Well do ya?"

"What about it, Julip?" John's disgust at his sister's line of questioning was obvious.

"Well, I got proof she's real." The children giggled and began to make fun of her. "Really, I do!" Julip shouted in an attempt to hush the mob and make them take her seriously. She reached into her pocket and pulled out the two coins. "Look at these"

Julip held out the two silver, shiny half-dollars so everyone could see them. "These is two John

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The DJ spins his lights in a dizzying hot circle sweep that infuses a steady rhythm for the dancers as I continue to walk toward the back. I realize how crowded the bar has become. The overwhelming ratio of guys to girls is disappointing. The crowd on the dance floor is busy and being forced closer together to become an aqueous whole. It is anxious, like someone who has sped past a cop on the highway. Separately, but continuously through the night the individuals of this crowd will suddenly realize themselves and stop bouncing or tapping their foot to glance around to see if anyone is staring. They immediately do something cool like light a cigarette or take a drink and begin to feel the low thumping of the beat. I look around as I wait in line for the men's room. A tough guy stands in front of me with tattoos barely visible through the hair on his shoulders. His T-shirt has been cut with scissors, widening the neck and amputating the arms from the shoulder to the middle of his ribs. The writing on his faded red shirt is illegible partly from age and also from the severing of the cloth, but it was clearly his favorite garment. "Lot of chicks here tonight," he shouted right into my ear. Recovering from the pain, I nod in agreement and take another look around the bar. It's a fairly large establishment with the actual bar running lengthwise against most of the left wall. Three bartenders, all pretty girls, in black pants and white button down shirts tend to loud, rude, and cheap patrons. A large glass mirror on the wall adds depth to the display of liquor bottles stacked against it. The dark wooden glass rack has its capabilities doubled in the reflection of itself hanging next to the tar stained ceiling tiles. The dance floor is mostly filled with girls as usual, and two doofy guys trying their best at dancing. The guys are moving their gangly limbs around Jill, as she is facing a very short, slim, dark haired girl with sandals and loose blue jeans that are held up with a colorful fabric belt. The guys seem happy to be watch-

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2nd Place Winner

Julip cont:

Kennedy half-dollars I found under my pillow this morning, just like Mama said." The giggling turned to frenzied laughter.

"Ah. Julip," John said snickering, "You just stupid. Mama put them there. There ain't no tooth fairy."

The elation that had been building in Julip's body from the moment she had discovered the coins under her pillow spilt out of her body and she stood paralyzed with her arm still extended, presenting the coins as if they were rare artifacts on display in a museum. The sounds of the cackling boys echoed through her dizzy head; they wouldn't hoist her upon their shoulders in admiration.

The boys were still gathered around her but she could barely stand; her anguish was overwhelming. Tears streamed uncontrollably down her cheeks and she could barely decipher Monty's face as he grabbed the coins out of her hand. Neither John nor Matthew came to her aid.

As she stood in a state of confusion and torment never before experienced in the five years of her life, the children disbanded and returned to the games that Julip had interrupted moments before. She turned around and saw her father's car approaching, but refused to wave as he passed by and honked. Her crying ceased and she knelt down next to the snow fort and smoothed out some of the rough spots around the top. Another stray snowball bounced off her back, instantly shifting her feelings from sorrow to anger.

She stood up and again walked into the middle of the field hell-bent on taking revenge on the first person she saw. Julip was enraged; the antagonizing laughs were something that she had gradually grown accustomed to but the embarrassment that went along with an unanticipated and uncalled for snowball was more than she was willing to permit. It was time to make a stand, time to prove to the boys that she would no longer approve of their perpetual taunts and sneers; it would be Julip's

big day after all.

As visions of victorious resistance manifested in her head, Julip Schleg was bombarded by a barrage of snowballs from every child in the field, including her defenders, John and Matthew. She quickly covered her head and began to scream as she was hit from every possible angle.

Out of all the snowballs that bounced off Julip's defenseless body, it was the last two, which came from the right hand of Monty Kohn, that did the most damage. In fact, they were the only ones she saw actually being hurled at her. Monty couldn't have been further than ten feet from her face when he rifled the disastrous snowballs which hit their mark just above Julip's bright red scarf and sent her sprawling face first into the ground, destroying the fort she had spent the whole morning working on. The assault ended and all the children scurried home for dinner, leaving Julip by herself; her rebellion suppressed, her body riddled with bumps and bruises.

The snow began to accumulate on Julip's motionless body when she recognized her father's voice, shouting her name over the louder, more threatening sound of the neighborhood children. Julip feared what would happen when the playing resumed; it was near time for the post-dinner snow-ball fight.

In the matter of what appeared to be seconds, the once faintly menacing mutterings had exploded into unrestrained shouting and children began to swarm around her spitting questions and curse words. She showed no sign of agitation, save for the balling of her fist next to her shadow where four medium sized snowballs, tightly packed around four medium sized rocks were inconspicuously placed. She persistently stayed seated with her eyes fixated on the stars, utterly ignoring the children who continued to play raucously and speak in the same manner. Finally, they left her alone; she didn't see John or Matthew.

Monty Kohn returned to the field by himself after all the other kids had resumed playing. Instead of taking a side for the anticipated snowball fight, he bypassed everyone, taking a direct route to the shambles of the Schleg fort and its designer. Concurrent with Monty's return to the field were the shouts of John and Matthew, now accompanying their father, all in search of the youngest member of the family.

Rather than apologizing for his actions earlier in the day and returning the coins to their rightful owner, Monty Kohn, neighborhood bully, armed with a snowball concealed behind his back, chucked it at Julip, knocking her previously loose bottom front tooth out. She showed no emotion, but placed the extracted tooth in the pocket that had once held the two half-dollars. Monty laughed, "I guess you is stupid."

When the men of the Schleg family finally converged upon Julip they were surprised and disturbed at the state in which the neighborhood boys had left the young girl. She refused the assistance offered by John and Matthew to help her up, choosing to rise on her own power.

As Julip attempted to uproot her frozen, soaked rear-end from the remnants of the fort, the most recent snowballs crumbled down her padded legs and landed near her boots. With tears in her eyes she examined the remains and noticed two shiny stripes of silver peeking up at her. Without a word she swooped down and scooped up what she knew were her two John Kennedy half-dollars, the vicious weapons used to knock out her tooth. Julip was delighted to reacquire these items which she was sure were gone forever.

As she turned for home, walking alone, well in front of her brothers and father, Julip decided that no matter what the case, she would never let anyone in on one of secrets again.

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ing her firm butt bounce to the beat. They seem to enjoy watching the two girls dance with each other. The short girl seems to be smiling at Jill, but the hot lights swing on their pivots and force my eyes closed.

I exit the men's room shaking the water off my hands (I don't believe in using paper towels) and see my roommate seriously grinding with the short girl. Every guy who can see this is paying attention. It is clear that Jill is ahead in our game at this point, so all I do is watch as they move hands and hips against each other, with the lights bouncing off the floor and ceiling to splash their faces with an unnatural blue and then red color. I stare and feel a slur of thoughts stumble forward and I walk back up to the bar, lucky to find a seat between two ladies in the far middle of the bar. The two ladies don't know each other, but both drink Bud Lights, and both have boyfriends who are ignoring them. The boyfriends have conversations with other patrons about Jimi Hendrix or Derek Jeter. I watch the rest of the night from my bar stool, and occasionally see Jill's hair being tossed up in a hot nod of rhythm, her soft hair being soaked with sweat that is absorbed by her tight pink T-shirt. I knew that she would probably take this girl home tonight, and I would be alone. After some rum, and maybe smoking some pot with the lesbians, I would fall asleep on the couch with the TV on.

Jill taps me on the shoulder when she is ready to leave. She is very composed and beautiful; her talent is in hiding intoxication and maintaining the appearance of control. She has told me before that her secret was lots of

practice. I pay my tab, which totals sixty dollars, about right for myself and four or five for the ladies. I leave a very small tip out of poorness and silently vow to return again and make retributions for this night. I come out onto the street and am introduced to Allison. She is more beautiful being lit up by the lights on the sidewalk. I try not to say anything foolish, and decide shutting up completely might be the best option so I don't appear uncool.

The cab ride home was short and full with laughter over some person Jill and Allison both knew from the shore. I laughed even though I didn't know whom it was they were talking about. We arrived at the apartment and Jill is on drink detail. Allison and I go into the TV room and wait for the service. I still don't say anything except answering Allison's questions about the rent and how long I've lived here. I make sure that each sentence is carefully planned before being spoken. I always want to come off as cool around Jill and her friends, like it's cool that I'm cool with their whole deal.

After the first round of Jill's drinks, I am saying the first words that come to my head, whether it's bad impromptu poetry or misquoting The Simpson's. Everyone is drunk and laughing and exaggerating their stories in horrible mutilations of the truth. Before long it is 3:30 AM and each of us keeps our heads up with the hand that doesn't hold a drink. I find that I must have fallen asleep for some time because I look up and see Jill isn't in the room and Allison is sleeping on the gray couch to my left. I rose to go to my room and Allison woke up to ask me where Jill's room was. I told her, and explained that further down the hall was the bathroom. She stayed

on the couch until I was in my room. I heard her get up off the couch when I had settled into bed. I saw the shape of her body in my doorway and thought she was lost. I heard her enter my dark room and felt her hand on my leg as she tried to determine which side of the bed to take. She got into my warm bed and I could smell the sweetness of her sweaty shampoo. I whispered that this was my room that she was in. She breathed back an acknowledging "I know" and I smiled in the dark. I slid my arm around her and pulled her close so I could feel her face against mine. I started to kiss her on the neck, but in a few seconds I realized she had fallen asleep. I kept my arm around her as soon sleep took over my body as well.

I woke to the slamming of cabinets in the kitchen. It was Jill and her way of showing anger with me. I saw Allison had left and walked scratching my hair as I approached the kitchen. Jill had made coffee and I poured some waiting for an assault on my moral character. Instead she started mocking herself for passing out last night. I told her Allison was very pretty and that I was sure she'd be back. She didn't believe me, but began to say that at least she brought someone home. I told her the bet was getting laid, and that tonight would be different. She said she wasn't going to drink tonight, but I just smiled and knew that it was just an empty threat. Jill drank her coffee and lit a cigarette, exhaled, and started bragging about Allison's body and willingness to go home with her. I said she was nice and could be invited to spend another night anytime.

3rd Place winner

A Meeting With a Shark

By Sandy Hart

Swallowing the last bite of her peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Samantha jumped up off the beach blanket and decided to wet her toes at the sea's shore while her younger brother, Eric, and older sister Nicole, finished the rest of their lunch.

Staring at the movement of the breaking waves before her, chillbumps appeared as the cool saltwater washed over Samantha's feet.

"Hurry and eat, guys," Samantha shouted as she turned toward the beach where her sister and brother sat.

"Mom is going to take us out to the rock on the inner tube."

"We're almost done," Nicole said.

Samantha turned back to watch the dozen or so people playing in the water in front of her. Adults and children alike were splashing and swimming out at the sandbar and beyond that near the big rock.

Before long Nicole and Eric joined Samantha at the water's edge.

"Mom said she will be here in a minute with the tube," said Eric.

"All right!" shouted Samantha. " I can't wait to get in the water and go out real deep!"

"Me, too," said Eric.

"I'm going to jump off the rock!" announced Nicole.

"Let's go kids," their mother said as she approached the shore. "Everyone pile on the tube and we'll go way out to the rock."

Once Samantha and the others were on the oversized, black rubber tube, their mother began slowly pushing them out into the deeper water.

As they started their journey out toward the rock, the crowd of people thickened. Lunchtime was over and the temperature continued to rise, drawing more and more people into the cool water.

"You children should stay on the tube out here because the water is a little deep," warned their mother.

"No problem, Mom," Samantha replied. "We'll all stay together."

"Good, because I'm going over to say hello to Paula Marie for a minute. I'll be right back."

Samantha and her siblings resumed their talking, laughing, and splashing as their mother wandered just a few feet away to visit with a friend.

"The water feels great!" said Samantha.

"I wish it could be summer all the time!" added Eric.

"That's dumb, then it could never be Christmas," argued Nicole.

"I wish we could go out deeper," said Samantha changing the subject.

"Let's paddle out some more," said Nicole.

As they paddled the rest of the way to the rock on their tube, Samantha lost sight of their mother. It wasn't until she could feel the rough texture of the millions of barnacles on the big rock that her attention turned toward the sound of the blood-curdling scream just beyond the rock.

"Shark! Shark!" screamed the voice. It took only a moment for Samantha to realize the voice was her mother's.

People began to panic and scurry in all directions. Looking around, Samantha could see and hear people screaming and crying and trying to climb on the rock to safety. Others were making their way toward shore, creating rough and choppy water.

The tube which Samantha sat on with her siblings began to rock uncontrollably.

"Hang on tight. Don't let goof the tube!" Samantha shouted to her brother and sister. Quickly she looked around to try to find her mother. Somehow her mother had become lost in the confusion and Samantha couldn't see her anywhere. Instead her eyes met the very thing she feared most. The shark, with its large fin just above the surface of the sea, was heading directly toward the tube in which Samantha, Eric, and Nicole sat.

Samantha's heart began to pound so hard it felt as though she could hear it echo in her brain. She could only stare as terror filled her entire body. She was frozen with fear as she helplessly watched the fin sink below the surface of the water and pass under

the tube that served as their only source of survival. Eric's foot was spared by a fraction of an inch as Samantha grabbed his legs and lifted them out of the water just in the nick of time. For a moment the shark disappeared. Samantha felt nauseated as she clung to her brother, trying to stop his small body from trembling.

Samantha turned her head toward her sister in time to see a stranger grab Nicole and throw her into the water, ordering her to swim to shore. Next, the man grabbed Eric from Samantha's secure hold and ordered him to do the same.

Samantha looked frantically around to find her mother. The fear she felt was enormous. The stranger's strong hands then grabbed Samantha's and threw her into the cold water.

"Swim to shore as fast as you can!" he shouted.
Samantha struggled between fear and confusion
as she swam toward shore. She did not see her little brother until she was half way to shore.

"Grab my brother!" Samantha shouted to anyone who would listen, but it was too late; she lost sight of him again in the mass of chaos.

Another strange man grabbed her by the arm and pulled her toward shore. Once on shore, she stood weak-kneed and exhausted, frantically searching the crowd in the water for Eric. Eventually she found him struggling to get to shore. The look of fear was frozen on his little face.

Samantha ran back into the water and grabbed Eric under the arms and pulled him to safety.

She held him on her lap. His small chest was rising and falling rapidly. Samantha was relieved to have her brother safe in her arms.

She held his hand and tried to calm him as she searched the crowded beach for any sign of her sister or mother. There were too many people, and she was too tired and too confused to concentrate on finding the rest of her family. Policemen and the coast guard were pulling people from the dangerous waters to the safety of the sandy heach

She sat for what seemed like hours before her mother and sister ran toward her. Tears of joy were streaming down her mother's face. The feeling of her mother's arms around her was that of warmth and security. They were all safe, exhausted, and frightened, but unhurt.

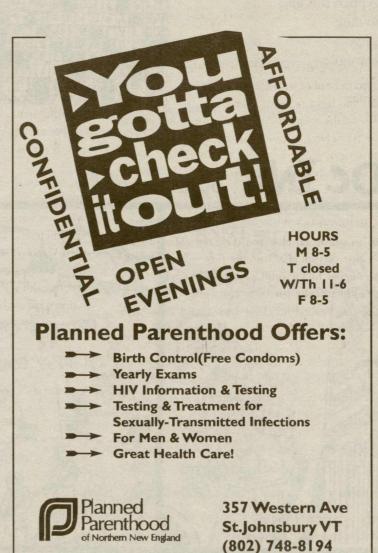
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- 39. Elementary textbook
- 41. Employs
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- 46. Evergreen tree
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- 25. Novel
- 26. Verb
- 27. Eon
- 28. It is (poetic)
- 29. Not now
- 32. Leave
- 33. Christmas
- 35. Egyptian sun god
- 36. Glowing
- 38. Plunge
- 39. Deep hole
- 40. Near
- 41. Border
- 42. Elm

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- 45. Belonging to him
- 46. Hawaiian food
- 47. Exclamation
- 48. Each
- 49. Pilot
- 52. Common vetch
- 54. Ireland (poetic)
- 56. Ever (poetic)
- 57. Male deer
- 58. Line bounding a plane figure
- 59. Soak flax



JOKE OF THE DAY:

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A drunk is driving through the city and his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over.

"So," says the cop to the driver, "where have you been?"

"I've been to the pub," slurs the drunk. "Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few.

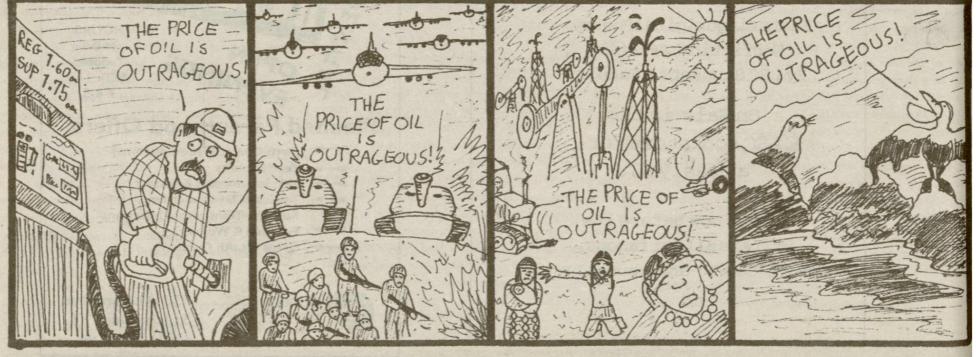
"I did all right," the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf.

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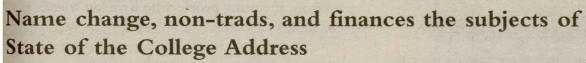
By Lynn Tredwell

The Lyndon State College flag remains at half-mast to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on America.

Though these events have been national in scope, they have left an impression right here on campus.

Suffering came in many stages for both the faculty and students. Most of the student body was in the Student Center throughout the day Tuesday in front of the big screen television, watching CNN's coverage of the terrorism. In the Alexander Twilight Theatre students, faculty, and staff also gathered to watch the same coverage on the huge theater screen. Students also watched from the library or in the privacy of their own room. Feelings brought on by this tragic event included anxiety, frustration, hate, anger, national pride, grief, fear of what is to come, and feelings of helplessness.

The LSC community started gathering at about 9:15 am in the Student Center, where the crowd of over fifty people created a standing room only situation. For such a large gathering, the room was awkwardly silent.



By Marina Cole

Lyndon State College is entering the new academic year with much to brag about, but also with challenges to face.

That was the message LSC President Carol Moore gave during her State of the College Address Thursday, September 6 in the Burke Mountain Room.

On the positive side, LSC recruiting efforts brought in 446 new students as of September 1, an increase of about 7 percent. However, as Moore pointed out, "when one digs a little bit deeper, we have some news that is less than positive embedded in that," for the numbers of out of state students have dropped from 193 last year to 158 this fall, amounting to a "significant depression in our budget."

State allocations for the school are also expected to drop. Moore said, "It is very safe to say that we are not state supported. We can't really even document that we are state assisted in much of any way. I think the only thing it is fair to say is we are state located."

While that piece of the financial puzzle looks a bit gloomy, other pieces are much brighter. Fundraising revenue for LSC is up 13% this year and in kind donations are up "significantly." Donations of equipment have also been made to the school, including new meteorology equipment and over two

hundred thousand dollars of equipment from Cabletron. Summer conference revenues are also up and community partnerships and collaborations are showing promise as well, according to Moore.

Moore also revealed that LSC would keep its current name. Last semester there were discussions about changing the name to Lyndon College of Vermont in order to help market the school. Moore said Stamats, the consulting team that gathered data on the issue, found people were "positively inclined" toward the current name and that the college can still capitalize on the terms "Lyndon" and "Vermont" in marketing.

Stamats' report also focused on the needs of the non-traditional students of LSC, needs that are for the most part not being met. Moore said "20 to 25 percent of our student body are nontraditional students" and "we can no longer ignore that feedback." To combat the problem, LSC will look to "modify our practices, our policies, and procedures, and to remove barriers that our nontraditional students perceive in their path to quality education," said Moore.

"The simple take home message is you have done a great job, but there are some challenges before the college," Moore remarked near the end of the address. "We must put students first" and "really make Lyndon the jewel of the Northeast Kingdom."



A candle light vigil to the honor the victims of the hijackings was held around the fountain

Photo By Jenn Everett

At 11 am, both of the theatre wings were open and full to capacity, though the crowd thinned as the lunch hour approached. ARAMARK staff set up water in the **Terrorist attacks cont.pg 2**

PeerNet and FYItrack catch students before they fall By Amanda Viens

Being a college freshman can be overwhelming. There are many questions and problems that most freshmen will keep to themselves because it's hard to get serious responses from other freshman, and going to professors can be intimidating.

Therefore, Lyndon State College has come up with a plan to make sure those questions are heard and answered and those problems are solved. This plan is called the PeerNet. PeerNet involves upperclassmen, which fit a certain criteria, taking on the role of a mentor to about four new LSC students. Students can meet with their PeerNet group every week to seek help or just discuss college life.

This program was created over the summer to prevent the draining of students. The mentors are mainly sophomores and juniors at LSC who have shown evidence of good grades. Each mentor gets a small group of incoming students to help during their first year. While groups will meet the whole year, most of the meetings are concentrated in the first six weeks of school that can

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The changing face of faculty: LSC welcomes new members

By Amanda Viens

Incoming students are not the only new faces at Lyndon State College this year. LSC has confirmed the appointments of several new faculty members for the 2001-2001 school year. A release came early this academic year from Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Fishbein that identified all the new faculty members and resignations at LSC.

The Samuel Reed Hall Library is seeing the most of the new changes with two new faculty members. Vicki Litzinger has accepted appointment as Coordinator of Library Access Services. Litzinger was previously employed at Pine Manor College in Boston. She holds a masters degree in Library Studies.

Joining Litzinger in the Library is Janet Thorn who has taken the position of Library/Specialist/Interlibrary Loan Coordinator. Thorn holds an MLS and has been employee of LSC in the past, but was most recently employed by Northern Lights Bookstore. Many would argue that a good library is essential for collegiate success among students. These fine improvements should only add to the success.

Another addition to the LSC faculty is Dr. Deborah Coffin from C.W. Post University. Dr. Coffin will be an Assistant Professor for the Allied Health Services. From the Utah Career College in Salt Lake City is Mr. Barclay Tucker who had been appointed as Assistant Professor of Design and Graphic Communication.

Lastly, Dr. Leighton Hazlehurst from Georgia State University will fill the position of Assistant Professor of Sociology.

All of these additions will greatly help fill the gaps of former LSC faculty who did not return this year. However, some searches have not been as successful. The second search for the Allied Health Services was unsuccessful and will be put off until this fall. The reasons for these searches and appointments came from a handful of teachers resigning from LSC.

Professor Susan Slamka has accepted an appointment as a faculty member at Pennsylvania College of Technology. However, her resignation came so late in the summer that it was decided not to hastefully search for this year. A search for her replacement should open sometime this fall.

The Library lost the services of David Kaunelis, the former Coordinator of Library Access Services and Jean Fournier, a former Library specialist.

In the Meteorology department, Mark Tucker accepted a job in New York with GE. Michael Lewis has also resigned from his services in the Television Studies department, the Alexander Twilight Theatre, and the audiovisual services. His position has not been filled yet.

While most of the holes in LSC faculty have been filled, some searches are still underway and are set in different time frames.

Terrorist attacks cont.

lobby for thirsty viewers.

Walking down the hallways, one could hear an uninterrupted report of the unfolding events, for every staff member with a radio in his or her office had that radio on. An extension cord was run out from the 24-hour lab, and a radio was set up outside at the head of the back entrance to LAC.

Most classes were held at the regular times, but most did not stick to their agenda. Instead, classes became discussion zones and sources of support for anyone who needed it. Additional members of the counseling staff came to campus to assist with student needs. Students themselves were there for those who needed help, a shoulder to cry on, or just someone to talk to.

Though LSC is a long way from New York or D.C., many students and faculty were personally affected. Erica Page, a junior and Allied Health Sciences major, called the events "disgusting." Page had four friends in New York City and in the Washington D.C. area that she was worried about.

Dr. Lori Werdenschlag, Associate
Professor of Psychology, tried to contact her
family by phone when she heard of the
hijackings, but was not able to reach anyone
until after noon. Her brother and father, who
commute into New York City and were
both at the World Trade Center earlier in the
morning, were unharmed in the incident.

Tuesday night, an all campus candlelight

vigil was held at the library pond to reflect on the day and to honor all the victims and the friends and families who are suffering. After the vigil there were small group meetings with Residential Assistants for any students who wanted to talk about their thoughts and feelings regarding the tragedy. Throughout the night coverage of the event continued in the theatre.

Counselors in the Brown House and in Academic Support were available that students could talk to if they needed to do so. Anyone who had ideas about how to provide support was asked to contact Associate Dean of Students, Judy Raper.

In response to President Bush's request for a Day of Remembrance, a memorial was held Friday the 14th in the theatre at noon. There was also a blood drive on Saturday, September 15th at the University of Vermont to help those in need of blood in the New York City and Washington D.C. areas. Transport was organized between LSC and UVM for any student who needed a ride to give blood.

Students checking e-mail also received an e-mail from the mailroom. This e-mail reminded students of rules for sending and picking up packages. The message stressed that the mailroom procedures were important to insure the safety of postal patrons.

President Carol Moore and Dean of Academic Affairs Michael Fishbein would not take sole credit for the response of the college community as a whole. They said everyone at LSC was helping to provide support, that everyone was pulling together and doing this for each other. Moore asked folks to join her in "extending thoughts and prayers for the many people who have lost friends and loved ones."

When Rob Ide, Special Assistant to the President, was asked for his reaction to the events, he said he was "absolutely stunned. Our lives are forever changed."

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prove to be the most critical in successfully adjusting to college life.

However, to fulfill LSC's commitment to ensuring that incoming students adjust properly to college, an additional program called FYItrack has been instated as well. FYItrack is a web-based program that relies on the faculty to keep the administration informed on the performance of students. This program allows instructors to go online and confidentially give information on any given students' performance and attendance. If a student begins to slip, the instructor may report the information and the administration will take the matter from there. LSC hopes to catch a failing student when there is still time to turn his or her performance around with little of no damage to their final grades.

Between PeerNet and FYItrack, a student who shows little commitment for their college education will not fail without someone within the LSC community intervening and lending a hand. Since a short amount of time has passed since the beginning of the academic school year, it is hard to tell by now if these newly instated programs have been successful. The LSC community will see as the year progresses.

Constant change in information technology

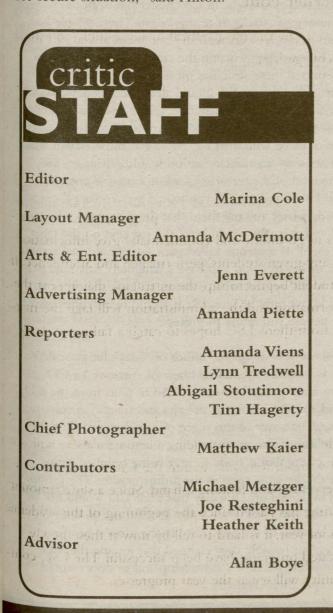
By Marina Cole with Lynn Tredwell

Information technology, the department responsible for our computer systems on campus, has been busy making changes in e-mail, user names and passwords.

The most noticeable difference for students is probably the change in user names and passwords. Many students were unable to log on to computers when they returned to college due to this change. Rather than having a user name comprised of your last name and first initial, you must use your first, middle, and last initials followed by your month and date of birth and a zero. Social security numbers are now passwords.

Assistant Dean of Technology Linda Hilton explained this change was made to bring "our user names and passwords into line with the software implementation that the whole Vermont State College system is doing." Hilton added that there is another bonus to the changes, that being that a student will need just one user name and password to access any of the college's computer resources. "We are moving toward a situation where the college might be giving you five or six or seven different user names and passwords so instead what we are trying to do is keep that number down," said Hilton.

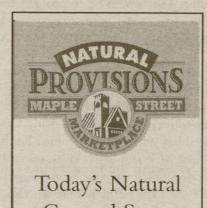
Hilton said the changes are not complete. Within a few weeks, students will be forced to change their passwords again. This forced change will occur as students log on. "People will get a message saying you must change your password right then," said Hilton. The significance of this will be that no one but the student will know the selected password. IT will not even have that information. "We are looking toward a more secure situation," said Hilton.



Though many students were unaware of the changes prior to their first log on, Hilton said e-mails were sent, as were notices that went in student mailboxes. "We did a lot of talking to people. We did handouts at orientation. We did a one hour presentation as part of orientation."

Another change involves e-mail. The college will no longer be using the old LSC webmail system, but is instead using what has been dubbed "xmail." E-mail address have subsequently changed. Addresses will now be students' new user names followed by "@xmail.lsc.vsc.edu." An alternate address comprised of a student's first name, a dot, and the last name, followed by the same letters above, is already working for some students. Other students will have to wait for all the kinks to be worked out before this form of their addresses will work.

Hilton said other improvements in the works include "a wide array of web-based services available to students in the next 18 months" as well as a redesigned web site.



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Why supporting leftist groups may be hazardous to your health: An opinion piece

By Michael Metzger

"This is a direct result of globalism" was the comment from a professor when he heard about the terrorist bombings of the World Trade Center on the 11th of September 2001. Now understand, the learned person who uttered this undeniably misguided statement has the privilege of putting the initials Dr. before his name. The fact that he has the ability to educate people in order for them to be college graduates astounded me. This was not an attempt to create awareness of the WTO or NAFTA. This was not a show of solidarity to the oppressed peoples of the world. This was an act of terrorism, plain and simple. Someone who is claiming to be sympathetic to the plight of the workers of the world would not choose to enter four commercial aircraft, use box cutters and knives to slit the throats of crewmembers and passengers and then kill possibly tens of thousands of people. If this professor was on one of those doomed flights, I doubt that if he would have stood up and claimed to be sympathetic to their plight that they would have allowed him to depart the plane. Sadly enough, his would probably have been the first throat cut in order to terrorize the others into submission.

During the demonstrations in Seattle and Washington DC, I went to the web sites of many of the leaders of the anti-capitalist movement. I also found a few of the sites devoted to the anarchists that are usually the instigators of most of the violence and destruction found at such rallies. Those students here at LSC might want to take another look at the ideology of such people who claim to be working for the common good of mankind. Those who raise their voices (and fists) when condemning how evil our capitalistic society is while wearing their Gap sweatshirts and bemoaning the fact that Lyndonville does not have a Starbucks should look at the past examples of those who try to re-create society in order to create a worker's utopia.

One of the protest leaders devoted to stopping the United States envisions an agrarian society supported by a socialist government. The last group to try that was called the Khmer Rouge. Its leader, Pol Pot, decided that a socialistic society built on a base of total agriculture would be best for the people of Cambodia. Of course, the leadership of the Khmer Rouge soon after taking control had anyone with an education killed (this means you). They were told they were stricken with

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A Philosophical Response to Terrorism

By Heather Keith, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Philosophy

In the aftermath of the unimaginable tragedies of September 11, sources from President George Bush to the local news media state that America is "united." As a philosopher and ethicist, I recognize that, though we desire easy answers, moral problems such as terrorism are rarely as clear-cut as we would hope. I contend that we are not and should not be united behind any act, ideology, or rhetoric until we think much more critically and philosophically about last week's events and potential responses.

In his messages to the American people and our international neighbors, Bush states over and over again that we are in a war of good against evil. As the American people, valuing free thinking and speaking, we have a democratic responsibility to explore for ourselves this idea. Is the international scene really so simple as "good against evil?" Is this kind of binary thinking what led to the atrocities at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center in the first place? Will this polarizing attitude lead to the deaths of thousands more innocent people?

Responsible people understand that these events have a history. It would be easy to say that last week's

Credit for a careful campaign

By Joe Resteghini

As we collectively begin to assimilate in our new time of being, and as our leaders begin to draw the lines by which they will take vengeance on the society of terrorism, it will be necessary to closely look at what our striking out may touch off. I believe the goal of our war must be a careful one, rather than being a campaign to salve an open wound.

Our goal must be clear. We must begin to strike the legs out from underneath terrorist campaigns everywhere. This includes those terrorist groups from Afghanistan, Libya, Sudan, as well as those not directly involved in this recent action in Northern Ireland and Israel. Our message must be clear worldwide: no terrorist action will be tolerated by any group, anytime.

Clearly, as a way to feel better about September 11, taking Osama bin Laden out of capacity is a first stride forward in this war, but there lies a powder keg in South Asia that must be examined before we begin a bombing campaign from Pakistani airspace.

The Taliban militia, which controls Afghanistan, has thousands of followers inside Pakistan's armed forces and any action taken against Afghanistan will be viewed as war against the Taliban. The implications of this are great. Such action may indeed cause civil war within Pakistan — which recently became a country capable of nuclear weaponry. Such a civil war could result in a scope of violence not realized since the end of World War II. This incomprehensible level of violence, by people already believing they are in a holy war, could spill into India or Iran, thus creating world war.

There is no doubt that Osama bin Laden must be removed from action, but the method by which we extract such a delicate cancer may include a change in U.S. policy as it regards foreign targets. By simply bombing Afghanistan we will be trying to take away something they do not have there yet, freedom and prosperity.

To challenge terrorist methods around the world we must dissect the factions from their leadership down. We now enter into a time when our leaders must think as these groups do themselves and strike with precise force at precise targets. Unconventional as our new methods may be, we must remember – a snake without a head carries no venom.

tragedies were the result of a few madmen who have no conception of the consequences of their acts. While it must be the case that the people who killed thousands lacked a deep ability to empathize with other human beings, they acted out of purpose and a fanatical sense of duty to their cause that overwhelmed any care or concern they might have felt for other humans. It is this purpose and cause we must strive to understand if we are to take part in the movement against terrorism. Reasonable people must also remember that to study and understand the actions of others is not to justify or excuse them. Further, reason tells us that these events were not a result simply of race or religion. Untangling the complex history, psychology, economics, sociology, and philosophy behind the attacks is a difficult, but morally responsible endeavor.

We do no honor to the victims of the attacks by quickly replacing sorrow with vengeance. We do no honor to the victims by ignoring the complexity of the international situation that made the attacks possible and opting instead for retribution or racism. We do no honor to the victims by finding solidarity in flag-waving and nationalism rather than in our grief and contemplation of our place in the world. We

Leftist groups cont.

what was termed "memory sickness" and that it was incurable. It was later determined that the leadership planned on eliminating anyone over the age of 12 at the time of their takeover. The killing fields enveloped over one-third of the population. That would be comparable to a group taking over the United States and killing 90 million citizens.

Other anti-capitalist leaders praise former dictators like Mao, Stalin and Castro for their attempts to force unworkable forms of government upon their peoples. How many Castro has had killed has yet to be determined but history tells us that Mao and Stalin killed up to 150 million, depending on your source. And yet these are the idols of the people who lead the protests.

You can condemn the United States for what has happened in the past. You can stand on a street corner and yell at the top of your lungs about perceived atrocities. In many countries, actions such as these might result in your disappearance. At least here the secret police would not knock down your door for being vocal about President Bush's ineptitude or President Clinton's womanizing. Please demonstrate your ability to do all of these things; that is what makes America great.

We are insulated here in Vermont. We believe that the destruction that leveled parts of Manhattan and Washington DC could never happen here. Of course, they said that about Manhattan and Washington DC two weeks ago. Still, that is the nature of terrorism; it can hit anywhere, anytime. The terrorist does not care about your ideology; a bomb does not care if your parents marched against the war in Vietnam or if they fought in it. A bullet does not know whether or not you gave money to help fight oppression or if the thought of a child working in a sweatshop means nothing to you. A lunatic in a plane who hates everything that the US stands for does not care if you support his cause or not. All they care about is if you have a passport and if it is blue with the words "United States of America" on it. We are ALL targets regardless of our age, nationality,

should never forget the tragedy of these events for the sake of quick decisions and false solutions.

In the name of freedom and out of compassion for the victims and their families, as well as for our neighbors in other parts of the world who would never imagine perpetrating such attacks against humanity, we need to engage in much more discussion about the events of the 11th and appropriate global responses. We need more learning, more thought, more symposia, and more facts. In the name of freedom, we ought to demand information and evidence from the leaders who act in our name. We should strive for thoughtfulness and sensitivity ourselves and we should likewise expect it from our government. As members of a democracy, we should also remember that thought for the longterm benefit of all our citizenry, even if it does not mean immediate retaliation, is more American in many ways than simply rallying our sense of nationalism. Responsible dissent is another way of respecting the American flag and the citizens who died under it. Our tradition of freedom demands that we all take part in the careful consideration of our options. We are, after all, the American people and our opinion apparently matters.

If we are to be united, we ought to unite in our sadness, in our compassion for all who deeply feel this loss, and in a full and sustained comprehension of the tragedy for all of humanity that took place in New York, Washington, D. C., and Pennsylvania on September 11. It would be a further tragedy to attempt to replace our very legitimate grief with polarizing rhetoric, racism, or bloodlust.

political leanings, beliefs or religion. And like it or not, they despise the fact that we are alive.

I have twice been personally affected by terrorist activities. First in West Germany in the mid '80s a car bomb went off next to a building I passed by just 5 minutes earlier. Second, my wife was in China two years ago when tens of thousands of Chinese people decided to surround the Consulate where she lived and worked and some threw Molotov cocktails at that building to show their outrage at the US military attack of their Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Both times people claimed to be outraged at a certain situation though the people who were the victims of their attack had nothing to do with the action. They were just easy targets. Easy targets, though, have little to do with the reason why people vent their frustrations. Easy targets also live in our communities. The mosque in Colchester has been the subject of numerous attacks since this began. These people had about as much to do with the bombings at you or I did. Just because they worship the same God as those who committed these atrocities means nothing; they are as outraged as we are. We should all be outraged. We should demand justice and retribution and the destruction of those responsible. To not do so would be to dishonor the lives of those who died last week. For those of you who cry out that any military action would put us on the same level of the terrorists, I ask if someone entered your house and robbed you would you contact them a few days later and tell them that they forgot to take your TV and that you would leave the car keys on the table for them? If someone killed your son, would you remind him or her that you also have a daughter? Any sane person would protect what is theirs. To look the other way would not only be senseless, it would be a crime against the people you refuse to protect.

To show you where the minds of today's leftist leaders are, two weeks ago, Wired magazine reviewed a CD from a rap group known as CO-OP. Cuts from the CD condemn the US for its policies and style of government. The cover of this piece of music was of the two members of this group holding a detonator above a picture of the World Trade Center being bombed almost in exactly the same spots as the airline crashe. The group was informed on Thursday that their CD would not be released with that cover. They decided not to release it, not because of the poor taste in the picture on the cover, but because they claimed that forcing them to change the cover was censorship and to do so would "hamper their creativity."

A wild welcome back weekend By Jen Everett

The Residence Halls Olympics were a great success this vear. Some of the events included the belly flop contest, the egg toss, and the ever-popular spirit contest. The Olympics lasted 3 days and involved over 45 students. Arnold /Bayley had the honor of winning the Olympics this year, making this their third consecutive win. Poland/Rogers took second place, while the Matty and Gray Houses finished third. Whitelaw/Crevecoeur came in last.

The Welcome Back Weekend Carnival had some minor technical setbacks but was still a fun event. There was jousting, boxing, and a great barbecue on the softball field. Students could also stop at stations to make sand art and get wax impressions of their hands. One student made his wax hand into a cup holder while another just settled for an obscene gesture.

The wild weekend concluded with the drive-in movie "Coyote Ugly." Over 40 students and staff braved the cold and fog to watch the movie in the soccer field.

What's goin' on?

Sept. 21st

Bonepony. Come see this alternative band play outside of Stevens Dining Hall at 8pm. Admission is free with student ID.

Sept. 21st-23rd

Fall Foliage Festival at the Fairbanks Museum. Call Betsy at 748-2372 for more information and ticket prices.

Sept. 21st - 27th

"Divided We Fall" A story about a love triangle with a twist set during World War Il. A definite "must-see". Playing at Catamount; admission is free with student ID. Call 748-2600 for show times.

Sept 28th

"Planet of the Apes" showing at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. Showtimes: 6:45 and 9:15pm. Admission is \$6. Call (603)646-2442 for more information.

Sept. 28th

Class in America: Myths and Realities. A comprehensive discussion of how social classes are formed and how flexible/inflexible they are. Starts at 7pm in the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Call 748-3663 for more information.

Sept. 28th - Oct. 4th

"The Vertical Ray of the Sun" a story of three sisters quietly hiding behind a façade of appearances. Playing at Catamount. Admission is free with student ID. Call 748-2600 for show times.

Sept. 29th

HopStop: The Roots of Bluegrass. Musical traditions are shared by the Vermont-based bluegrass band Gopher Broke. Free admission. Starts at 11am, Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College.

Sept. 30th

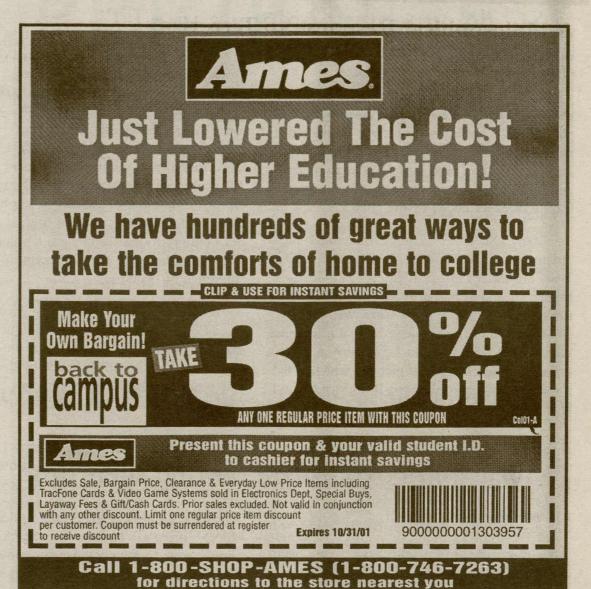
"A.I. Artificial Intelligence" showing at Dartmouth College. Showtimes are at 6:45 and 9:30pm. Admission is \$6.

Oct. 3rd

Blood Drive at the Moose Lodge, on Route 2 in St. Johnsbury. Donations to help victims in New York and Washington D.C.

Oct. 10th

Blood Drive at Lyndon State College. Donations to help victims in New York and Washington D.C.



Fans of the fantastic: Check out new sci-fi collection

By Marina Cole

L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future vol. XVII Ed. Algis Budrys, Bridge Publications, Inc., 2001. 440 pgs., \$7.99 US

Enter a world where girls are cloned in farms to be raised as wives or workers. Travel forward to a time when most of humanity is forced into a lengthy hibernation to allow the earth to recover. Find out what happens when George Burns is brought back to life for a guest appearance at the hundredth anniversary celebration of his death.

These fantastic stories and 15 others make up the newest volume of L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future. Fans of science fiction and fantasy won't want to miss this collection of work by the newest authors in the field, those who have won the prestigious Writers of the Future contest funded by the L. Ron Hubbard Library. Also included in this volume are illustrations by winners of the Illustrators of the Future contest, as well as essays and advice for writers by Hubbard and others in the business.

The short stories in Writers of the Future range from fantasies of good versus evil to sci-fi adventures in cyberlands. The commonality is in the writing, the quality of which makes this reader repeatedly ask herself if these are truly amateur writers.

Complete rules for both the Writers of the Future and Illustrators of the Future contests are included in this book. Students hoping to break into professional writing and illustrating should certainly look into the opportunity offered in these two contests. Winning authors are chosen every three months, and are awarded cash prizes of \$500 for third, \$750 for second, and \$1000 for first place. In addition, an annual grand prize of \$4000 is awarded. Winning illustrators receive \$500 and a chance at the annual \$4000 award. Contest rules and details are available at www.writersofthefuture.com.

Have you read a book





LSC documentary premiers in ATT

By Abigail Stoutimore

As part of Lyndon State College's Homecoming Weekend, a video documentary of LSC's history was officially premiered in the Alexander Twilight Theatre on Friday evening. The film presented LSC in a nostalgic and historical light, capturing many important moments experienced by the college.

Many LSC alumni attended the video presentation, entitled "The Spirit of Lyndon... 90 Years Strong: A Historical Video." The documentary featured narrators Stephen M. Long of the class of '62 and Patricia Clow Webster, a 1974 graduate of the college. Several interviews with school alumni added to the film, as well as numerous video clips and pictures which aided the documentary of the long history of the college.

The half hour long film narrated the growth of LSC from a small teacher's college harboring nine female students in 1910 to the accredited liberal arts college that it is today. The video also showed the vast changes experienced by the college as it transformed from the mansion owned by T.N. Vail to its present architectural status. Historical notation of the old traditions of the school and the increase in student activities, community involvement and volunteerism attributed to the film's capture of "the spirit of Lyndon."

In addition to the premiering event, a special presentation to Darlene Bolduc (a graduate of the LSC class of '86 and now a teacher at the school) was made by the college president, thanking her for her hard work and dedication in production of the film

Fenway and Foxboro are beyond their time

By Tim Hagerty

Penway Park and Foxboro Stadium are pillars of the Boston sports scene. Fans flock to these venues each year, witnessing many memorable moments. These memories are soon to be distant ones, as there are plans to rebuild stadiums for both the Red Sox and Patriots.

Organizations like "Save Fenway Park" are being set up to think of ways that Fenway can be renovated and played in for years to come. Fenway Park opened in 1912, the day after the Titanic sank. It is arguably the most historic ballpark ever to be erected. "I definitely feel very blessed to play here, my favorite player was Ted Williams, and there is so much history," says Red Sox outfielder Dante Bichette.

That magic and history turns millions of New Englanders into baseball fanatics. Whether it's the Green Monster or Pesky's Pole, Fenway Park is full of features that are known across the baseball world. The glowing green grass and bright lights put fans in baseball heaven throughout each summer. "There really is something mystical about Fenway, and it's really tough to match that," agrees veteran pitcher David Cone.

For some reason, people don't talk this way about Foxboro Stadium. Some have referred to it as the worst stadium in football, and the Patriots are traditionally a pathetic team. Words like magical don't exactly come to mind. It is more likely that fans use adjectives like uncomfortable, dreary or painful. "I don't think there will be one tear shed," predicts Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson. "It's been long overdue to get a new stadium."

The new stadium originally slated for Rhode Island, then Connecticut, now is located right next to Foxboro Stadium. CMGI Field is so close that fans are going to stare at the new upper decks while witnessing one final season of agony at the current landfill. With the new edifice nearly complete, the Patriots start playing games there at the start of the 2002 season. The

construction cost of \$285 million dollars is quite a price in comparison to the \$7 million it took to finance Foxboro stadium in 1971. Owner Bob Kraft is funding the project out of his own pocket.

Fans are soon going to enjoy more quality concessions, bathrooms, and seats. Fans lucky enough to sit up front get their own televisions, so they can view the action from different angles. The south end of the stadium is strategically built open, so drivers can sneak a peak while driving on Route1. (Apparently that road isn't dangerous enough already.) All of these new features please both fans and players. "The fans are going to be fired up, which is going to help us play to a higher level," says Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri. In addition to fans, the new conveniences also allure free-agent players to New England. "With the new workout facilities, it's going to help us bring in more good players," Vinatieri adds.

While it is unanimous that CMGI field is an improvement, the talk of a new Fenway Park is causing mixed emotions. To the Boston sports world, Fenway Park is baseball. "It's tough to think of the Red Sox playing anywhere else," says Cone. The only way to make Red Sox fans remotely satisfied is to bring some aspects of the old Fenway into the new Fenway. This is just what the plans indicate.

"The ballpark is just too old...so we're ready to move on," says Red Sox CEO John Harrington, "but we're not leaving all the good parts of Fenway behind, we're bringing them with us."

Home plate at the new Fenway is going to be just 600 feet from where Carl Yastremski used to take his swings. The manually operated scoreboard is joining the confines of new Fenway. Also making the trip is right field's "Pesky's Pole," named for legendary Red Sox player Johnny Pesky, who wrapped homeruns around the

Twilight Players to bring "Judevine" to stage

By Jen Everett

The Twilight Players, Lyndon State College's theatrical group, are working on a new production.

"The stage is Judevine, an imaginary town in northern Vermont. This is a small stage, sometimes cold and darkened, but filled with characters so finely etched that they stand out as clearly as steeples against the sky. David Budbill plunges into the soul of New England to find characters and stories with lessons for anyone wanting to find the intrinsic nature of the region that has been called 'all of America's backyard.' These dark, lyrical, funny narrative poems portray the hopes and joys, pains and despair of people who have been bypassed or bruised by the twentieth century. Budbill has written a song of the down-andout or overlooked, a song of the unsung. This anthem of the rural renaissance is microcosmic in setting, but universal in scope" (Chelsea Green Publishing Company.)

Through a collection of lyrically beautiful and compelling portraits of ordinary people, by turns raucous and bawdy, delicate and painful, intensely funny, loving and angry, the characters in "Judevine" reveal to us the survival strength in the oppressed and hurt. The human parade in this specific and particular and forgotten place becomes the universal human parade itself, and ultimately, "Judevine" becomes an intensely passionate and caring song of praise celebrating human nature.

The Twilight Players will be producing this show on December 7th, 8th, and 9th. Although the cast has been picked, anyone who would like to lend a hand is welcome to show up and help out. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin September 19th and will run on the following Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

pole on a regular basis.

"We've re-created a Fenway Park, with all the fan amenities that we should have," says Harrington. The new Fenway has nearly twice the seating capacity of its predecessor, as well as more legroom, and an outfield picnic area.

Don't feel bad for your grandkids that aren't fortunate enough to take in a game at the Fens. While professional baseball won't be played there much longer, Fenway Park is going to remain as a park for the public. Foxboro Stadium's fate is still undetermined. It certainly would make a great parking lot.

The future of New England sports is fresh and optimistic, as the Patriots and Red Sox are both going to be playing in state of the art facilities. The Red Sox won the World Series their first year in Fenway Park. Maybe history can repeat itself, and the Sox will win a championship in their first season in the new Fenway Park. Watching a ballgame with modern technology should be fun, but don't hold your breath on that one.

THE EXPERIENCE

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When the General Education Unit was created three years ago the idea was for new students to get better connected with their professors and to provide a well-rounded introduction to college life by providing an experiential activity.

"This is really an introduction to what college is about," said Bruce Berryman, professor of Meteorology and one of the faculty members who helped design the program. "It gives them further insight into their major,"

he said, "so they can see whether they made the right choice."

Students got their first taste of that choice on the weekend of September 7, with the first of two weekend "experiences." Depending on the major, these experiences ranged from canoe trips down the Connecticut River to visiting Montreal. Incoming students spent the weekend with the faculty members and returning students of their major, giving them not only the opportunity to make the connections with others in their field but also a first-hand-look at what they can expect over the next four years and beyond. During the next weekend many departments introduced their students to former students who have graduated and are now well on their career paths.

This is the third year of the program. Based on feedback from the students in past GEU 101 classes, the most successful aspects have "overwhelmingly" been the "First Experience" activities.

Entering the Academic Community: English students become repoters

As part of the First Week activities, freshmen English students learned what it takes to put together a publication of their own. The English majors set out to experience what their chosen major would be like. Each English major selected a field trip from another department to cover for the publication of this newsletter. In addition, English students were responsible for contacting other departments, interviewing the faculty leaders, and writing about those department's activities as well. Four freshmen English students split up and each chose a department to follow and report on. Equipped with reporter's

notebooks and cameras to document their experience, the students set out for destinations across New England. After returning, each English student wrote the articles that appear here.

The first weekend of events took students to a variety of places related to their field of study. Departments visited such widely diverse places as Karme Choling Meditation Center in Barnet, the Cold Regions Research Lab, Montshire Museum, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, local manufacturing plants and Montreal. Other trips included a two day canoe trip down the northern Connecticut River. These field trips not only helped the students discover

more about their major, but also allowed them time to relate to their peers and professors (as well as a few upper classmen) away from the typical classroom setting and demands of campus life.

When asked if the experience of reporting and writing articles to be published gave insight into the major, Sean Toof, an English freshmen, responded, "I enjoyed it. It was interesting. I think it's good for beginning English majors to get a feel for it." The activity provided a gateway into the future for both professors and students alike. The major activity component for GEU 101 may have just ended, but for these freshmen English majors many exciting opportunities remain in their future.

Psychology

By Sara Donaghy

The psychology experience began with ice-breakers and introductions. We met Professors of Psychology Dr. Ron Rossi and Dr. Jon Fitch, and Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Lori Werdenshlag, as well as the mentors who were mostly sophomores and juniors.

Next we moved on to the get-to-know-you game. We were given a list and asked to find a person who had done one or two of the items on that list. The one with the most names won. We all went down the list, filling slot after slot until eventually a junior named Melissa won the game and the \$5 gift certificate

Returning to the classroom, Rossi explained the requirements for the major. He went through the core courses, application, and double majors, speaking realistically about the downfalls of their large workloads. The Psychology Club expanded on this by telling the group of their experiences and encouraging people to join the club.

Fitch then gave a brief breakdown of the credits students need for general education, majors and electives. He expressed the need for value as well as fun, adding that students should explore what makes them curious.

He used that idea to lead into a discussion of the purpose of the General Education Unit (GEU). He explained that the GEU forces

students to look at the world through the four units of college: natural science, humanities, art and social science. Fitch said he had seen a bill-board that said "Art is where you find it, dig it?" This emphasized that you can look at almost everything from the four disciplines. He remarked that the GEU provided "another entrée to add to your normal courses."

Rossi then gave a brief description of the SASI unit, which is a central computer. He explained that students could register, check email, and review class syllabi at any time from the comfort of their own rooms.

After, we participated in a dealing-with-stress exercise, showing how people might deal with stress: cognitively, behaviorally or with avoidance. We then did a social-anxiety exercise where we answered questions about how comfortable – on a scale of one to ten – we were in different situations. The score showed how shy or confident you were.

After a short departmental tour and lunch, we continued with the experiments. We broke into groups and each group took turns at three separate experiments: one on reaction time, one on the psychology of evolution (why men like young women and women like older men) and one on memory.

Splitting into three groups, each decided where to meet the next day and departed for the afternoon.

The next afternoon we got together to dis-

cuss the morning's trips. One group analyzed the data collected the day before, graphing and posting the results. They confirmed the often-tested theories as hypothesized.

The second group went to a local juvenile detention center called Becket. They explained the privilege points system (respect = points = privileges) and their class structure (five to seven students to every two teachers). They also explained the community work privileges.

The last group toured a local nursing home. A woman named Mary Thyselius showed us around. She explained, "every minute counts and if you smile, it really counts." She also spoke of the key elements: warmth, encouragement, and the ability to keep busy.

We were introduced to some patients and played a game called balloon toss. Kriti Powers, the activity assistant, explained that it maintained motor skills and kept minds busy. Afterwards, the therapy dog, Sugar Pie, came out for a visit.

Thyselius also showed us the Alzheimer's ward. She explained that names were put on everything so that patients would know what was theirs, and keypads were installed on the doors so no one would go wandering out.

The experience was one that will stick with psychology majors, reinforcing their reasons for entering the field in the first place. Seeing the people that need their help was an obvious pull on many of them. It's one I hope they'll maintain for the next four years.

Natural science students take canoe trip

By Sean Toof

The new students majoring in natural sciences embarked on a weekend-long canoe trip on September 7. Because they started late in the afternoon, they camped out on the first island they came to. Students spent the evening cooking dinner, swimming and sitting around the campfire.

After setting out the next morning, the group stopped along the river and Dr. Alison Lathrop, Assistant Professor of Geology, conducted a seminar on layers of sediments and sedimentary geology. Theresa Conant, a science lab technician, then did a workshop on water quality, discussing stream flow, chemical characteris-



tics and aquatic life, all factors that contribute to water stopped again and listened to a lecture on Greater

rare. The group then found another island and pitched camp there for the night.

On Sunday morning, the group did a vegetation analysis on the island and its woody plants. The students used two different types of analysis; general collecting and line transecting. In general collecting, the students basically explored the island and gathered any different type of plant they could find. In line transecting, the students searched the complete length of the island, stopping every ten feet for an estimated two thousand feet and collecting whatever they found at those points. Both methods gave the group a better understanding of what was on the island. The students then ate lunch and left the

They stopped again after a while for another swim, and then completed their trip, ending up

quality. After traveling a bit farther south, the students St. John's Wort, and about how a plant is deemed in Maidstone. The group then packed up all the equipment and headed back to school.

Business majors visit Lydall, Old Stone House

By Sean Toof

This year's GEU trip for the business majors started with a trip to the Lydall-Westex plant in St. Johnsbury. To begin, the group of new students engaged in a discussion about the history of Lydall-Westex, what the company does and whom they do business with. Also talked about were the company's income statement, business function and location. Despite the rural location of this plant in St. Johnsbury, it is one of four plants in the United States, with the biggest of the four being located in Detroit. There is also a plant in Europe. After the discussion, the students split up into four groups and toured the factory and the various

areas of the office, including shipping, quality inspection, human resources and engineering.

After having a picnic lunch on Burke Mountain, everyone gathered at the base lodge of Burke Mountain to listen to General Manager Dick Androse talk about the ins and outs of running a ski area. Androse discussed the costs of building and maintaining chair lifts, partnering with other ski areas and about breaking even.

Students then had a choice of hiking up Burke Mountain or golfing at Granddad's golf course in Newark. About half of the students decided to go hiking, while the other half hit the links. After the afternoon recreation activities, the students returned to the Lyndon State College campus.

The next morning, the students traveled to the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. Everyone toured the old house and barn, and saw antique equipment that was used when Brownington was being established in the 1800s. The house was built by Alexander Lucius Twilight, who our campus theater is named after. The old house served as a dormitory for students who attended the Orleans County Grammar School. After a short walk to the nearby observation tower, everyone ate lunch, and that was the conclusion of the trip for the new business stu-

Math and Computer Science

By Nicholas Ladeoux

"In Burlington Sunday, partly sunny. High in Mid 80's. Sunday Night. Partly cloudy. Low in the mid 60's," spurts out the electronic voice through the telephone. I just received this weekend's forecast through a telephone line, which seems almost prehistoric considering the multitude of ways to receive the forecast. Pagers, wireless web, cell phones, pocket organizers, and computers all can do that with the press of a button. So why is this any different or important for that matter? The fact that I asked Jupiter, a state-of-the-art play. Students and faculty members alike got to computer system at the Boston Museum of Science which specializes in voice recognition technology. Jupiter interpreted my voice through a telephone and within seconds answered my question on this weekend's forecast.

Jupiter was one of the many exhibits on display at the Boston Museum of Science. The mathematics, computer science, and IDM majors all gathered to take a four-hour cramped bus ride to Boston to see how science, mathematics and computer technology is applied in this high-tech day and age. About 15 students and faculty members visited the museum.

Inside the museum, exhibits ranged from the widely expanding robotics technologies to the magnificent holograms and optical illusions on diswalk through the museum, watching television documentaries, reading tidbits of information on various cards, and interacting with some of the unique and fun exhibits.

One of the most fun and entertaining exhibits

captured shadows on the wall and held them for 15 seconds. The students had a ball creating shadow scenes ala Austin Powers 2 and recreating fighting scenes similar to Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. Other interactive exhibits included an interactive labyrinth game which tract your movements. You had to jump around moving the ball through the labyrinth, avoiding the holes.

Besides the few interactive exhibits, the museum was lined with pictures displaying bullets in mid-flight, computers showing videos and interactive programs, robot arms, legs, heads, ants, and a historical look at MIT and it's students.

After a few hours spent at the museum, we all headed back to the small bus. We weren't thrilled about the cramped ride back and forth, but according to Corey Levielle, "It was worth the wicked long trip."

Sociology, Philosophy and History Majors

By Nicholas Ledoux

"We were interested in studying unique cultural aspects of our region," stated Heather Keith, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, one of the faculty members that went with the sociology and history majors to various parts of the state. The students and faculty visited locations such as the Justin Morrill Homestead and the Karmê Chöling Shambhala Buddhist Meditation Center

The Justin Morrill Homestead was the home of

land and federal funds to states to be used for agri- Shambhala Raining: Approaching the Sacred Path. cultural and technical colleges. It is of historical of America's education.

The Karmê Chöling Shambhala Buddhist also picnicked. Meditation Center is known as one of the oldest of

Justin Morrill, a member of the U.S. House and six year-round retreat centers in both North American and Senate. Morrill is known as the chief author and Europe. The center specializes in different classes and teachsponsor of the Land Grant Acts. These acts granted ings of Buddhism, from The Joy of Organic Gardening to

The group went to these two sites on the second day of importance to anyone interested in the foundations their first experience field trip. The first day the group took a historical tour of the communities along waterways. They

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Students react to 9/11 disasters; draft possibilities

By Dana Amey

As the U.S. moves forward in the face of the disasters of what many are beginning to refer to simply as "9-11," the reactions of individuals differ widely, but the overwhelming feeling is still one of persistence through adversity. Among LSC students questioned about their feelings regarding inevitable war, statements vary from a sarcastic burst into the first lines of "O Canada" to a contemptuous "Blow 'em all up and let Muhammad sort them out."

Ryan Wood, an English major in his senior year, says he finds the idea of war at this point "regrettable, but perhaps necessary." When presented with the possibility of the reinstatement of conscription as a means of recruitment of necessary manpower, Wood says he is "hoping the draft doesn't happen for the sake of humanity, but if we don't have the manpower we need, I suppose it would be a means to an end."

Meteorology major Matt Carrier expresses the lack of certainty felt by many. "I think we should have some kind of reaction, but I'm not convinced that war is the correct reaction." He also feels, as do many students, that there may not be a "correct" reaction. "No matter what we do, it's going to be more reaction against us—the nation finds itself in a catch-22." Despite the situation, Carrier expresses faith in the nation. "The agenda that the president has set for us isn't possible to attain—it's impossible, but we should try." Conscription is not something Carrier sees as probable in the near future, but he says "if my country called me, I'd go."

Not everyone has faith in George W. Bush. Says Bill Graves, also an English major, "The first attack will be when Bush's popularity goes below sixty percent in the polls." Graves, like Carrier, is not worried about being drafted. "I'm not worried about it. There are so many Reserves and National Guardsmen that we'd really have to get our asses whupped for them to reinstate the

Most students shared this feeling. One student says, "The age of ground war is dead. Most people aren't worried about being drafted." Another has confidence in the allies of the U.S. "We have so many allies in this, I don't think they'll start drafting people."

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By Abigail Stoutimore

If the students of the Vermont State Colleges are noticing anything different about their on-campus beverages, they are probably right. Just look at the label.

What last year used to be an exclusively Coca-Cola campus has once again become served by Pepsi. As of July 1, 2001, all VSC schools were put under contract to be served on campus by the Pepsi franchise. Changes in

Photo by Amanda McDermott

Colleges, including Lyndon State College, were under contract with the opposing franchise. Pepsi machines were replaced with those of Coca-Cola Company products, such as Diet Coke and Minute Maid, causing an uproar from the student body, specifically because Mountain Dew was no longer available.

Students rallied, demanding that Pepsi be brought back as the school beverage provider to serve the favorite, notoriously caffinated drink and protesting the highest bidder philosophy to which the VSC system had succumbed. The student backlash conveniently coincided with a new, more generous and enticing offer by Pepsi, as an effort to win back the favor of VSC.VSC accepted, and are now entered into another contract with the Pepsi Company – this time for a seven-year

According to the Pepsi/VSC Campus Beverage Exclusive, a document that explains in detail the particulars of the agreement, Pepsi will support tournaments and events with sponsorship and/or agreed upon provision of product and food service, totaling an estimated \$14,000. Also, Pepsi is contracted to perform marketing events promoting its products, totaling an estimated \$22,000 "at no expense to VSC." In addition, Pepsi will

Missing Stu:

Popular dining hall employee quits

By Lynn Tredwell

Returning on-campus students might have been disappointed to find a friendly face missing from the dining hall. Stu Farina, former employee of ARAMARK, is still very involved on campus, though he can no longer be found in the Steven's building.

Farina was well liked by members of the LSC community. He allowed people to be themselves, and was easy going. He was easy to get along with and did not have a problem with coworkers as long as their work was done. These qualities have been his style for a long time, said Farina.

According to Farina, he left ARAMARK because of differences of style with the old management. The staff is now headed by Mr. Lacey, the new manager. Though dining hall staff had their hours cut back, Farina said he did not leave because of a cut to his hours. The new management had nothing to do with hours that were cut, this order coming from higher authority. Farina said his leaving was beneficial to other employees since his position was eliminated after he left, making more hours for others to work. In the VSC/ARAMARK district,

State Legislator Rob Ide goes to work for LSC

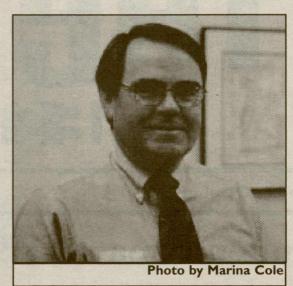
By Dana Amey

Vermont legislator is now under six-Award to LSC as Special Assistant to the President. In this capacity, Republican state legislator Rob Ide undertakes several projects, one of which is to help establish a Center for Excellence. According to Ide, the Center for Excellence will be a "coordination of training programs" designed for people already in the work force who may be looking to either develop new or improve their existing skills. Ide is working with various local employers to assess the skills and training now in place, and to approximate those that may be needed in the future. The Center for Excellence, while not expected to provide all the courses needed, is expected to be "in a position to partner the courses." These courses will be offered, as much as possible, in locations and at times convenient for the students.

Other projects include working with the Alumni Office, where Ide has been occupied with identifying "local businesses in the area that the college should be more friendly with." These businesses, according to Ide, should enter a give and take relationship with the college where the college would make sure that the training needs of the businesses are being met in return for the possibility that these businesses would be come donors to the college.

Ide describes the LSC community as "very welcoming, very warm, very helpful" and believes that to combat the problem of low retention rates, LSC must nurture its students, and remember that many of them are just beginning a new experience that may be frightening at first. "It's so important for us to do everything that we can to retain those students, to nurture them and to be sure they're successful in their academic endeavors." Ide places emphasis on the importance of everyday contact, and suggests that collectively, the college needs to make sure that students are getting what they need, "whether it's a smile in the hall or tutoring in a class. Every person should approach each day as if they are going to somehow touch another human being in a very positive way."

In addition to his other duties on campus, Ide is presently working with Linda Wacholder, LSC's Director of Career



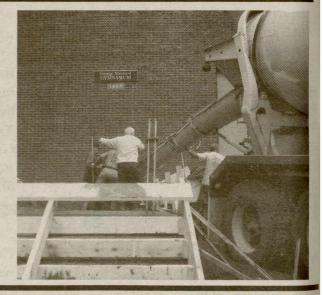
Services, to form a possible internship for the spring semester. This internship, though it is without clear form at this stage, would involve "a limited number of highly motivated, mature students who would like the experience of shadowing different members of the Vermont Senate." These students would travel to Montpelier at certain times in the week to study first-hand the jobs of Vermont legislators and to "be exposed to government." The program may expand, with the help of the Political Sciences department, into a more indepth study of Vermont government and politics.



College Construction

The west side entrance of the gymnasiums is under construction. Contractor Ned Falsuher has jackhammered out the old stairs and poured a new set of concrete steps. The entrance will be open again in a few weeks when the last of the \$65,000 job is done and handrails are attached. Capital Projects, a government funded program, provided the money for the renovation, according to James Gallagher, Director of Physical Plant.

Photos by Marina Cole



Students react to 9/11 disasters; draft possibilities

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bravado. A student visiting the LSC campus ble." says, "I think we're overconfident. I think Look at the security in the airports—it was

Another student expresses distaste at what that's why we're a good target for terrorism. she refers to as "neo-patriotism." She believes the U.S. is behaving in a "hypocritical" manner. "All too easy to get hijackers in there." As for the this flagwaving makes me sick," she says. "Did all

However, there are some dissenters, one draft, she says, "I think it would be a last resort these people have flags a month ago? Why do we have of whom charges the U.S. with overdoing its but I'm not banking against it. Anything is possito turn it into such a black and white, good and evil thing? I'm an American, but when racism becomes patriotic, that's going too far." She points to the numerous instances of anti-Muslim violence around the courtry and suggests that the U.S. can't hope to "justify past wrongs by painting itself white now."

Missing Stu: Continued from front page

employees lost a minimum of one hour a week, said Farina.

Many students have been concerned about the safe handling of food by ARAMARK. Food temperatures are taken every thirty to forty-five minutes, even though that we might not see this happening, said Farina. He also confirmed that there are no laxa-

tives in the food. If you do not see the dietary information posted by the trays and you would like to see them, all you have to do is ask someone.

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Propaganda, patriotism, and peace

By Philip Luck, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Istart from the simple but radical supposition that the innocent must be protected: the innocent in the United States and the innocent in Afghanistan. It is inconsistent to devalue the lives of innocent civilians in other countries on the basis of geography while elevating the status of civilians within the imaginary boundaries that all-to-often insulate the United States from the rest of the world (but not the rest of the world from the United States.

Talk of terrorism and innocence, as well as the terrible and unjustifiable atrocities committed during the September 11th attack on New York and Washington, lead me to question our own acts of aggression toward "rogue states." Consider the following: 17,500 civilians were killed in Israel's invasion of Lebanon, an invasion backed by the United States; former President Clinton ordered the bombing of a Sudan pharmaceutical plant, killing unknown numbers of working class civilians; 200,000 Iraqis died during and immediately following the Gulf War, many of whom were civilians; 250,000 children in Iraq have since died from the ensuing embargo; and over 200,000 peasants of East Timor have died at the hands of the repressive Indonesian government and military regime, funded by the United States. As the award-winning journalist John Pilger writes, "Did the American establishment believe that it could bankroll and manipulate (world) events...without cost to itself, or rather its own innocent people?"

Clearly the bulk of our population see themselves as ethical, as patriots of a great and moral country. But what does it mean to be patriotic? The most vocal and visible of our "patriots" are easily identified by waving flags, by singing the national anthem, by wrapping themselves in the red, white, and blue, by favoring reinstatement of the pledge of allegiance in public schools, by adopting a "love it or leave it" posture, and by frenzied, unthinking applause. Such self-professed patriots merely repeat the chants and slogans they are provided with, internalizing government propaganda and public relations slogans. The slogans, however, are meaningless, which explains their effectiveness. That is, who can say that they do not "support our troops," or does not hope that "God" blesses America? This is the whole point of good propaganda: the powerful and influential create slogans that nobody is against, that everyone will support, manufacturing consent among the populace. And this is accomplished only if the slogan is devoid of meaning. To live in a free, truly democratic society, rather than a self-imposed totalitarianism, we must think critically about our roles as citizens of the United States and adopt a dissident view of patriotism.

There are many, though quite marginalized by mainstream media, who define patriotism another way. These individuals and groups are identified by their dissent, by thinking critically and consistently about the course of events – individuals and groups wading through the muck of propaganda that chokes rationality and self-reflection, while still seeking goals of compassion and justice and peace. Despite the wave of national pride that has swept our country, these critical patriots show their commitment to our country by refusing to pledge allegiance to anything by their deepest held convictions and by speaking freely, despite White House press secretary Ari Fleischer's comments that in times like these "people have to watch what they say and watch what they do." Indeed.

It is important to remember that neither idea of Patriotism can bring back the dead or resurrect the destroyed hopes and dreams that perished as a result of

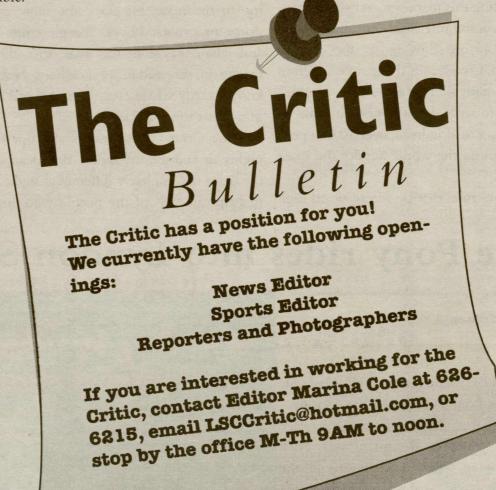
ASSIST in full swing

To the Editor:

Lyndon State College's community service organization, ASSIST (A Society of Students in Service Together), has begun planning activities for the 2001-2002 session. These activities so far include a campus cleanup, a trip to Canterbury Inn (an assisted living facility in St. Johnsbury) to play games with the residents, a fundraiser to provide relief to workers in New York City, and OxFam, a program designed to raise money for poor and malnourished families. ASSIST is going to be a very active club this year and could use as many members as possible.

Any student wishing to make a positive difference in the lives of others is welcome to attend our meetings at 7PM on Wednesdays in the Vail conference room. Please note that meetings will not be held every Wednesday; e-mails will be sent out to the student body to let people know what dates meetings will be schedules for. If you can't attend these meetings, please still feel free to take part in any of our events. I hope to see you there!

Corey Potvin
ASSIST Co-President



Correction

There was an error in "The changing face of faculty: LSC welcomes new members" [Vol. 48, No. 1]. It was incorrectly stated that Dr. Leighton Hazlehurst (who is Associate Professor of Interactive Digital Media) would be filling the position of assistant professor of sociology. Philip Luck will be filling this position.

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Get lost in an "amazingly coinfusing" experience

By Jenn Everett

Are you sitting in your dorm room, watching MTV, munching on Cheetos, and bored out of your mind? Do you want to have a fun time while getting some exercise and fresh air? If you answered yes to either question, then the Great Corn Maze in Danville, Vermont is for you.

The Great Corn Maze spans five beautiful acres and offers stunning views of Wheelock, Lyndonville, and the mountains surrounding them. Michael and Dayna Boudreau have been operating this maze for over three years, originally commuting from southern New Hampshire before moving to the family-owned farm. The idea for the maze came from Michael's "insane idea for some extra income" and a need to settle down with their kids.

According to Boudreau, over 10,000 people from around the world wander the maze each season.

There are rules that Boudreau wants high



The Great
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school and college students to know before coming to the maze. He does not allow drinking, drugs, or explicit PDA's. "People come in here and when they're in the maze, they think that they're in the middle of nowhere. Not true. I know exactly where every person is and let them know that this is a family place."

The Great Corn Maze is also open on the nights around the full moon. Bourdeau says that the maze is completely different at night. "I have to help out 98% of the people who enter it at

night." In addition to the Moonlight Maze, Boudreau plans on having a Haunted Hayride in

The maze is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Boudreau asks that people show up by 3pm to give them time to complete the maze. Their website, which gives directions and Moonlight Maze dates, is www.vermontcornmaze.com. Since the maze is only open for another few weeks, take advantage of this "good, affordable fun" and go get lost.

Bone Pony rides into Lyndon State-

By Rachael Stinson

On Friday, September 21st, Nashville natives Bone Pony shook the Alexander Twilight Theater. Accompanying the stage with Scott Johnson, frontman, was Nick Nguyen playing guitar and Tramp on the banjo. Their instrumental setup included nine guitars plus a violin, a banjo, multiple synthesizers, tambourines, snare drums, and some trusty maracas.

Bone Pony primarily plays a rare version of folk music that they like to call Stomp. Instead of using their snare drums as the main percussion for their songs, they use their feet. They not only have microphones positioned by



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Photo by Alan Messer

their heels on stage, but they also have tambourines buckled to their ankles. To keep the beat, they bang their feet on the stage creating a "stomping" sound as well as bringing in the jangling tambourines.

Currently, they are working on a live album called Fun House. Previous releases include Traveler's Companion, their sophomore album, and Stomp Revival, their debut. "Fish in the Sea," "Savanna Flowers," and "Sweet Bye and Bye" are all songs from Traveler's Companion, the CD that made up the bulk of the set list for the evening.

The first song they played for the night was called "Feast of Life." An up-beat melody provided by the sounds of Tramp's banjo made the spectators feet stomp right along with Bone Pony's. Despite the less than impressive turnout, Bone Pony brought an impressive show. They proved to be a truly talented band.

I got the blues and it was golden

By Megan Pierce

I have never really listened to blues music. It's just not my thing. I'm not picky; I just prefer modern music. I can relate better to that genre. So when my friends wanted to go to the blues concert, saying that it would get one Horizon Event out of the way, I reluctantly agreed. I went with the mentality that I would be bored out of my mind for an hour and a half (time is precious on a Saturday night, especially when you're a college student). Well, I was pleasantly surprised since the concert was pretty good.

The seats were filled with eager alumni talking amongst themselves, reminiscing about the "good ol' days". Scattered throughout the crowd were college students in little groups of three to five. Many were like myself having only one thing on their mind: getting the event done and over with.

The performers, Paul Rishel and Annie Raines came out and gave a short intro. Then they got down to business. With Paul playing guitar and singing and Annie on the harmonica, they captivated the audience by involving them in songs. At once, the mood

of the students changed from the original boredom to that of astonishment, then to pure enjoyment. Even I began to open up and enjoy the twangy energetic music. They played slow and sappy blues, fast sultry blues and every other kind of blues in between.

I honestly enjoyed watching the audience just as much as the duo on stage. Many of the alum were bouncing their heads back and forth to the beat, laughing and listening. They really enjoyed being back in the auditorium. It made me think about how fast these four years of college will go by and how we should enjoy it. I relaxed, sat back and had a good time.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct. 1-31 - Fairbanks Museum presents "Face to Face: Contemporary and Traditional Masks." Call 748-2372 for more information.

Oct. 1-21 - The Great Corn Maze will be open daily from 10am till dusk. Entrance fee is \$5 for adults. For directions, call 748-1399.

Oct. 5-11 - "Sexy Beast" will be playing at the Catamount. A retired outlaw is called back into service when his wife's life is placed in jeopardy by his arch-nemesis. Admission is free with student ID. Call 748-2600 for showtimes.

Oct. 6 - Saturday Nature Hike around Lake Willoughby, 9:30am-noon. Guided by David Gwatkin. Call 525-3154 for more information.

Oct. 6 & 7 – Jay Peak Ski Resort's 23rd annual Arts and Crafts Fair. Call 1-800-882-7460 for more information.

Oct. 7 - St. Johnsbury Fall Foliage Festival, all day downtown. Arts and crafts, farmer's market, church supper, historic presentation and much more. Call 748-3678 for more information.

Oct. 12 - "The Weather in Song" North

Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. Meteorology and music meet in this program performed by St. Johnsbury Town Band and the Fairbanks Museum. Admission is \$5, call 748-2372 for more information.

Oct. 12 - Vic Henley, 9pm in the ATT. Comparable to Jeff Foxworthy with "downsouth" humor.

Oct. 12-17 - "The Warrior's Path of Liberation: Being Buddha and King". Karme Choling Buddhist Meditation Center, Barnet. Call 633-2384 for more information.

Oct. 12-18 - "The Closet" is playing at the Catamount. A boring accountant starts a rumor that he's gay at his job at a condom factory and suddenly becomes the most popular guy there. Admission is free with student ID. Call 748-2600 for more information.

Oct. 12 - "Farms, Jobs and Civil Rights" Discussion on how the global ecomony will affect our domestic ecomony, jobs, work, farming, and the environment. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 7pm. Call 748-3663.

Oct. 13 - Family Weekend Carnival. 12-5pm in the Vail parking lot. Featuring games, prizes, food, and inflatable rides. Lester the balloon man will be there to make balloon animals. Shana Banana will be performing for the younger crowd at 1:30. From 1 – 3pm exotic animals will be available for photo ops and petting. From 8-midnight is Casino Night in the Stevens Dining Hall. Everything is free!!!!

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Oct. 20 - Saturday Nature Hike around Lake Willoughby, 9:30am-noon. Guided by David Gwatkin. Call 525-3154 for more information.

Oct. 20 - Burlington Taiko Drummers. 8pm in the Alexander Twilight Theater.

Riding a Mystery (and a Dolly) in East Burke:

Happy on horseback

By Marina Cole and Jenn Everett

Inder a blaze of fall foliage we mounted up and rode off. Debby Newland, owner of D-N-D stables in East Burke, led us up the wooded trails, through marshes, and down a dirt road. It was a beautiful day for a ride, sunny with a cool breeze. Our horses, a Belgian named Dolly and a Morgan named Mystery, seemed to guide themselves on the hour-long trek, creating a pleasant ride for us amateur horsewomen.

Newland has been guiding trail rides at D-N-D Stables for three years. She keeps six horses: two Belgians, a hackney pony, and several Morgan crosses. Riders of all kinds are welcome no matter their level of experience, as we so easily proved. Adult riders can choose from one or two hours on the trails or in the ring, depending on their comfort level. For experi- afraid," Newland says. "Give me a call." enced riders there is an option of longer rides with a faster pace and children under twelve may choose a pony ride in the ring.

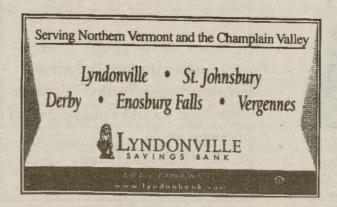
The surroundings, mostly wooded, include 30 acres of Newland's property as well as the cross-country ski trails of Burke Mountain. We flushed several partridges as we rode, Gummy the dog chasing them off into the forest. As we took in the scenery, our mounts snuck a few mouthfuls of berry bushes and goldenrod. Our only mishaps were three broken fingernails and one stepped-on foot, not a typical result of riding but due to a lack of horse sense on the part of the rider.

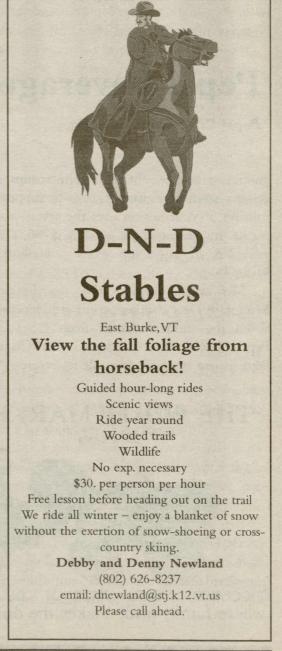
Anyone who has ever dreamed of riding a horse through picturesque Vermont should call D-N-D



Photo by Marina Cole

Stables at 626-8237. Riders should call at least an hour ahead. Newland is available on weekends, evenings, and school holidays and vacations, even through the winter. "Don't be





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Combating Columbine: Creating caring schools

By Jenn Everett

A Cry for Character Dary Matera, Prentice Hall Press, 2001. 227 pgs., \$24.00 cloth

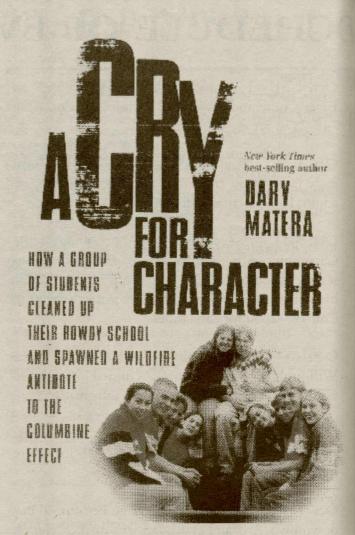
Take "Dangerous Minds", add some "Dead Poet's Society", sprinkle in a chocolate pudding-smeared homecoming queen, and mix generously with every other story you've heard about high schools and you'll have Mundelein High. "A Cry for Character" is the true and remarkable story of how a small group of students cleaned up their school.

The news has been full of tragic stories of high school kids gone horribly bad. Shootings, bombs, mass murders, and drugs are now commonplace in high schools across the nation. Mundelein High was the epitome of every other school, suffering through problems of student rebellion, drugs, bad language, apathy, and general lack of disrespect for adults. It was a powder keg about to explode.

Nine students in their junior year decided to

change all that. They defied the peer pressure to be cool by creating a character education class called "First Class". This "Gang of Nine" was courageous enough to stand up against apathetic students, burnt-out teachers and skeptical administrators for positive change in their rowdy school. The happy ending to this story is that they succeeded in turning their high school into a place they were proud of rather than scared of. The "First Class" character education system has swept the nation like wildfire, creating positive changes in high schools far worse than Columbine and Mundelein High.

This book should become required reading for every high school student, teacher, administrator, and educator worldwide. Aside from being an easy read and entertaining story, it's a blueprint for how students can take control of their lives and their school.



New York firefighters 9/11 disaster relief fund

The Firefighters Relief Fund was founded eight months ago by professional firefighters. They wanted to create a fund where the public would be assured that their gifts would reach its intended goal. No less that 90% of all funds donated to this fund go directly to the fire charity

When the tragedy occurred on September 11th, the Firefighters Fund set up a separate fund specifically for the spouses and children of the firefighters and EMS personnel who gave their lives trying to save others at the World Trade Center.

To donate a monetary gift to this fund, you can do one of two things:

1. Give your personal check or cash to Jenn

Everett (LSC Box 7139) or Anne Bousquet (LSC Box 7197) to be mailed out in late October. Checks should be made out to "NY Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund".

2. Go to www.FireDonations.com to use your credit card.

Pepsi beverages bounce back

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guarantee to the VSC, for scholarships and/or other system determined needs in support of its mission, a contribution over the seven-year period of this arrangement totaling \$700,000 to be provided in equal up front contributions of \$100,000.

However, despite the pacification of Mountain Dew drinkers, some students are upset about the sudden change from Coca-Cola to Pepsi. "I wish they had stayed with Coca-Cola. Pepsi is too watered down. It tastes gross," stated

sophomore Lindsey Cahoon.

Yet, with the trade in campus exclusivity power from Coca-Cola to Pepsi, the old beverage moved out and the new in, just before the start of the semester, bringing with it a few golden opportunities for the students of VSC...and of course, Mountain Dew.



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The Natural Science Society

Is looking for new members from all majors. If you are interested in joining this club, come to a meeting in the science wing on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4PM, or e-mail dewitall@dewitall.com.

A Legend Returns to Montreal

by Tim Hagerty.

Fans of the Montreal Expos have had little to cheer about this year. The team finished in last place again, and there are rumors that they are leaving next year for a new stomping ground. Despite this, the Expos' faithful did deliver a standing ovation in the sixth inning of last Tuesday's game. These cheers didn't really fit the situation, though. The Expos were down 2-0 to the New York Mets, and the fans erupted right after an Expos player stole second base.

This standing ovation was not given to your average big league ballplayer. In the sixth inning of Tuesday's game, Tim Raines stole his first base of the season. Raines was an everyday star for Montreal from 1979 through 1990, then went on to play for the White Sox, Yankees, and Athletics. After battling the disease Lupus, the 41-year-old made an extraordinary comeback, placing him right back to the city that he made a name for himself in.

"I left Montreal ten years ago, not because I wanted to, but because of different reasons, and I think the fans respected that," says Raines.

It wouldn't be long before he saw that respect. On Opening Day of 2001, Olympic Stadium shook with noise, as Raines stepped to the plate for his second round of duty with the Expos. Even Raines was shocked by the tremendous reaction. "You kind of want that type of ovation, but I really didn't know that it was going to be like that," he said smiling, showing a rare sign of emotion. The future Hall of Famer has played for 21 seasons, and he said that was the loudest that he has ever heard a crowd at a ballgame. Everyone including his opponent, Mets catcher Mike Piazza, was urging him to tip his cap, but the modest Raines went about his business.

During his first stint prowling the outfield for Montreal, Raines was one of the most dominant players in the National League. As the Expos leadoff hitter, he was the heart and soul of the team. He had 90 stolen bases in 1983, just 90 of the 808 he has notched throughout his career. Only three players ever have recorded more steals than Raines.

These days, Raines has a far different role. While he doesn't play nearly as much, he is still just as valuable. The Expos have some of the greatest young players in baseball, and Raines provides the leadership and tutelage that is converting them to players on the rise. "There is a lot to learn from him, and its fun to pick his brain," says teammate Carl Pavano, who was just 3 years old when Raines was a rookie. Raines hopes he can help turn potential into stardom, just like veterans once did for him. "I remember Andre Dawson helping me out the same way when I first came up, so its only fitting that its my turn to do it," he says.

He has taught so much to his teammates, but not nearly as much as he has to another young player, his son. This was evident on a cool summer night in Ottawa, when a dream came true for the Raines family. Tim was playing for Montreal's farm team in Ottawa to rehabilitate after an injury. This injury proved to be a blessing in disguise, because that night Ottawa was playing his son's team, the Rochester Red Wings. Although it was merely a minor league contest, Tim Sr. was in one dugout competing against Tim Jr. in the other. Tim Jr. is a top prospect for the Baltimore Orioles, and he could make the big league team next year. If Tim Sr. is able to play next season, they could square off again, and be only the second father and son combination to play in the same major league game. Raines admits that is one of the things motivating him to keep playing.

The battles that Tim Raines has been through on the field do not even compare to his fight against Lupus. Three years ago, his life touched both ends of the spectrum in a short period of time. He won the World Series with the New York Yankees in 1998, but didn't enjoy a championship honeymoon, as he was diagnosed with Lupus just months later. Going through surgery after surgery, Raines had the attitude of a champion, always believing that he could return to the game he loved. "There was a period in my life that I had an illness, and it stopped me from playing for a year and a half. The urge of playing never stopped...as long as I get my health back, then I can come back," he recalls.

When Raines came back to Yankee Stadium as a visiting Oakland Athletic after his illness, the Yankees put together one of the classiest and heartfelt ceremonies in recent memory. Raines was asked to approach the Yankees dugout, when every Yankees player met him half way, presenting him that 1998 World Series Ring.

As remarkable as it is that he is even playing, it is even more impressive how well he is doing. After missing over 200 games, Raines is playing like he never missed any. He is hitting .316, and is Montreal's best pinch hitter off the bench. "I didn't think he'd be able to play this year after having surgery. He is not only playing, but he is playing unbelievably well," says Expos' Manager Jeff Torborg. Even his own manager is amazed at what he is doing.

Raines has been entertaining baseball fans in four different decades. While his resume is that of a Hall of Famer, his impact on baseball goes far beyond the statistics. Between teammates, his son, or the sick people that he inspires, Tim Raines has touched many lives. There is no statistic that measures that.

Internships

WALT DISNEY WORLD is interviewing for Spring 2002 positions on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 at 5:30 PM at Champlain's Hauk Family Campus Center. Internships are open to all majors.

FOX25-WFXT-Boston. Internships win News, Sports, Weather, PublicRelations, Creative Services (Promotion/Production), Graphic Design, Sales and Finance. Deadline for Spring semester internship is NOV 1. Non-paid; open only to juniors and seniors. Applications in Career Services and on web at www.fox25.com

ART GALLERY INTERN, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Assist with gallery projects that match your interests. (i.e.., working with public, research art work, assist with conservation, prepare interpretive material, develop

info management systems. Contact Ann Lawless @ 748-2372 or alawless@stjathenaeum.org.

CALEDONIAN AUTO PARTS, St. J....Assist in all aspects of business. PAID internship

YOUTH MENTOR, Work with local school age children, be a positive role model and make a difference in a young person's life. Depending on the community need mentors will spend time in and out of a school. Contact Rose Sheehan, 748-6049 or 592-3158

Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network WREN, Tech Assistant in technology center, Graphic Design assistant, Video Production (create presentations about WREN) All positions are volunteer Contact Veronica Francis @ 603-869-2034 or email at Veronica@wrencommunity.org

resorts (mainly in Colo) Taking applications for SPRING SEMESTER. Benefits include free skiing and other discounts depending on the resort. May be interviewing in VT in Oct. For more info. www.semesteratski.com

EDITORIAL & MARKETING INTERN, The Touchstone Center Publications, NY (assist with marketing and editing poetry and myth publications) DEADLINE 1, 2001.

CMI RADIO, Essex Jct., VT, Assist with digital editing production, copywriting, dubbing programs and music

VERMONT SUN SPORTS & FITNESS, Middlebury,VT, Gain experience in a fitness facility. must be a Junior or Senior. Deadline for Spring Semester Internship is NOV 15

PRIDE pushes for more presence on campus

By Michael Metzger

The Lyndon State "People Responding to Individuals and Diversity for Everyone" (PRIDE) club held a meeting on Thursday, September 26th. Last year's name change from the LSC GLBTQA club seemed to have gone unnoticed, so they want anyone who has questions concerning their sexuality, or anyone wishing to participate in the group, to feel free to come to any meeting. Confidentiality and privacy are stressed. In order to participate, you must sign a letter of confidentiality. The name change was to show that everyone is welcome and by removing the labels brought up by the old name, it would be more inclusive.

On the 15th of last month, the PRIDE club, having been given only 3 days notice, managed to field a group for the AIDS walk in St. Johnsbury. The participants carried the club's banner for the entire three-mile walk and managed to raise over 100 dollars.

Since October 8th to 14th is National Coming Out week, the bulletin board in the main lobby will be an educational exhibit of gay themes throughout history. Last year's acclaimed photo exhibit "Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families" will not be shown this year.

Look in November for a gay film festival here at LSC. At this time, at least 6 films with a gay, lesbian, or transsexual theme will be shown. Titles such as "But I'm A Cheerleader," "Better Than Chocolate," "The Broken Hearts Club," and "It's In The Water" will be shown. At least two of the movies are on DVD with the rest on video and all will be donated to the library's movie collection afterwards.

On December 8th, the group will once again hold it's CHANGE (College and High School Alliances Nurturing Goals and Energy) conference. Last year's conference had about 40 participants from all over

Vermont. This year they hope to raise that number with up to 100 people attending. The conference will offer many workshops concerning topics from legal issues and political activism to confronting intolerance and reducing homophobia. The conference is made possible by a grant from the Samara Foundation. And of course, the Drag Ball will be held sometime next spring with details to follow in the coming months.

Before the above-mentioned meeting started, the members discussed the positive and negative aspects of being a gay or lesbian student at LSC. While the administration was applauded for their attitudes, the club members were hoping that gay and minority studies could be better incorporated into the curriculum, possibly in the GEU studies area. Problems such as "who to come out to" and life in the dorms are still a concern. With National Coming Out week soon here, hopefully more students will understand the presence of gay and lesbian students in the general student population.

Propaganda, patriotism, and peace-

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the terrorist attacks. But the latter perspective can save the lives of innocent people now living under the looming and ominous specter of war.

We have reached a fork in the road where, as the poet Robert Frost suggests, two roads diverge form one; one road well traveled, the other less so. History has demonstrated well where the first road – the road of revenge and retaliation and nationalism – leads: to bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. and to the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam War, to name but two tragedies among many. Therefore it is now the great challenge of out country and its populace to take the road less traveled, to deliberate and take a route that circumvents

the tragedies that plague those in this nation with a conscience, though not the politicians and military brass all to eager to send other families' sons to die. But we have a choice, writes Noam Chomsky, "we may try to understand, or refuse to do so, contributing to the likelihood that much worse lies ahead." We must now, as Howard Zinn posits, "achieve justice, with struggle, but without war." Zinn reminds us that in the end it is "living people, not corpses, creative energy, not destructive rage, which is our only real defense."

I ask that we honor the dead by taking the

less-traveled road of dissent, by becoming critical patriots, and by engaging in the struggle for justice. I ask that we honor the dead by not taking more lives and by not adding to the death toll. Let us not take the same nationalistic, jingoistic road that leads to the same types of horrors that we are now condemning. Let us pledge allegiance, not to a flag or a country, but to common, shared goals of peace. Only then will the innocent of the current and future generations be protected.

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Sigma Zeta Research Award

Name of Academic Recognition: Sigma Zeta Research Award

 Σ Purpose: To honor the single Lyndon student, regardless of class or major, who presents the most outstanding research paper or project of a mathematical or scientific nature.

Σ Eligibility: The winning paper or project must be submitted by March 15. The paper or project must be of a mathematical or scientific nature. The paper or project will demonstrate original thought or creative application or insightful interpretation. Results must be presented in a professional format.

Σ Announcement: The Sigma Zeta Executive Committee shall publicize the award and the closing date and method of submission each year. In September, the committee will notify all faculty of this information. The information will be posted on bulletin boards and given to the student newspaper. In addition, the Lyndon State College's office of Public Information will be notified. This process shall be repeated during the first week of February.

∑ Judging: Four copies of student papers are to be submitted to the Faculty Advisor of Sigma Zeta. The papers will be judged by a Selection Committee consisting of three professors who are members of Sigma Zeta and are appointed by the Sigma Zeta Executive Committee. The award is presented to the student at an appropriate ceremony not part of Commencement. Notice may be listed in the Commencement program if the recipient is a Senior, or upon his or her graduation.

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Sony stirred by student downloading

y Abigail Stoutimore

reshman Nick Ledoux, a journalism major, has been accused of illegally downloading an mp3 ile from Sony Music Entertainment Inc.

The President of Lyndon State College, Carol . Moore, informed all LSC students via an e-mail hat an mp3 file had been transferred from Sony Music Entertainment, Inc and that all forms of downloading, hosting, and sharing music movies, or other materials that (students) do not own (is) llegal." According to the e-mail, the act was "a otential violation of the Federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act."

According to Moore, the college holds strict policy preventing all music downloading. "... the nusic companies are losing revenue," stated Moore. In addition, the numerous students downoading files causes the campus network to slow lown, creating a problem for those students who

wish to complete work pertaining to college issues, and "it's rather expensive to increase bandwidth capability."

The incident first became known to LSC officials approximately two days before students were made aware of the issue. The Assistant Dean for Information Technology, Linda Hilton, received notification of the violation by a representative from Sony's central office. Sony had pinpointed the student violator by IP address, and had obtained his user name and password. LSC then proceeded to locate the student who had downloaded the file.

Using a program named Aimster, Ledoux had downloaded a copy of Incubus' "Wish You Were Here" and then proceeded to share the file. Ledoux states that the college was very unclear about its regulation of downloading and sharing music files. "I think that they're more afraid of

people sharing than downloading... you're basically giving away stuff without their permission," stated Ledoux. He also asserted that he was not aware that he was performing an illegal act by sharing the mp3. "If I had known that sharing that file was going to cause such a mess, I wouldn't have done it."

In order to pacify the demands of Sony, LSC agreed to abide by certain demands made by the entertainment company. The college was to remove the mp3 from the server, discontinue Ledoux's usage of Aimster, and delete the mp3 from the computer. The e-mail sent to LSC students stated that the "computer (had) been confiscated and the network account disabled. The student no longer (had) access to the network."

However, Ledoux denies most of this report.

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Rodd repairs wrecked roof

By Jamie Keough

ccording to Lyndon State College's mainte-Inance department, construction for a new oof on the T.N. Vail building will begin on Monday, October 15. This summer, hundred of 10les were created in the Vail roof during a heavy mailstorm that also caused destruction to surounding areas of the college. As a result, computers in Vail offices and Vail classrooms were tem-Porarily covered to prevent damage. Currently, the oof is covered with a protective layer of rubber onling held down by several tires.

Several LSC students were shocked to find out that a new roof had not yet been placed on the Vail building. One student said, "They better get it on Defore the snow starts and the wind really whips hrough here or there could be more trouble." ertainly, Vermont weather does play a major role a construction and this will be taken into considcration during the project.

The cost of the roof replacement is being hanlled through the college's insurance claim. Rodd coofing is designated to complete the roof in two o three weeks. LSC's maintenance department las assured the roofing project will not interfere With the normal activity in Vail offices and class-

Heroin in our hills:

Vermont's small towns face big city problem

By Marina Cole

Termont has had to wake up to the realization that heroin is here in our green hills. It was a shock to many, but not to all. "It's not hard to find anymore. It's anywhere. It's being imported from every major city in the US. Each day, people leave the state of Vermont to go get what they need to come back and sell," said Carol Smith (not her real name), a nineteen-year-old resident of Newport, Vermont, who consented to an interview and discussed her perspective as a heroin addict on this catch heroin users with the help of federal grant drug problem. "Right here in St. Johnsbury I know four or five people that have been busted for large sales. There's a lady (I know) that is from St. Johnsbury that got caught coming across the Mass boarder with 350 bags."

Smith continued, "It's pretty sad because you don't even need to know who to go to anymore (for heroin) 'cause they're gonna come to you."

That statement was echoed in the 2001 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, where 35% of 12th graders reported it is easy or very easy to get cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines. The same study showed that 3% of Vermont students have used heroin, approximately half before the age of

"I think I was 15 when (my addiction) started," said Smith. "It started with pills when the doctor started prescribing me meds for my back. I started meeting people who did pills, and when you're doing pills you're probably doing heroin too if you're not (taking pills) legally."

The heroin problem is not going unnoticed by politicians and law enforcement. According to an April 15th Rutland Herald/Times Argus article (available at www.rutlandherald.com/legislature/apr9/heroin.html), 357 Vermonters sought treatment for heroin addiction during fiscal year 2000, and 329 have sought treatment in the first half of FY01.

Law enforcement has stepped up its efforts to money, but some criticize their methods.

"I don't think (the extra money) is helping Vermont stop the heroin; I think it's making people be more deceptive about it. Everybody's doing the same thing they were doing, they're just doing it in a different way," said Smith.

Smith also feels law enforcement officers help perpetuate the problem. "If they bust me with possession of bags (of heroin), they're gonna turn around and ask me to rat, and what good does that do? Then I'm gonna get off my heroin charge, somebody else is going to get a heroin charge, they're gonna ask that person to rat, they're gonna get off their heroin charge, they're gonna rat on somebody else, and that one's gonna rat to get off their charge. But as soon as they get off their charges they're gonna go back to doing the same thing. What good does that do them?"

During the public forum titled "Heroin,

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Peace activists rally in Washington, D.C.

By Derek Campbell

Peace and justice activists from around the country came to Washington, D.C. by the tens of thousands Saturday, September 29 to demonstrate against war and racism. Americans of all races, ages, and ethnicities came together to express grief and sadness at the loss of lives resulting from the events of September 11 and to demand an end to violence and racism while preserving our civil liberties. Many people are worried that violent retaliation to the terrorist attacks will result in the death of thousands of innocent people in the countries targeted and more acts of terror on this country.

The rally was originally planned to counter the fall meetings of the IMF/World Bank. The focus was redirected but not entirely changed when the IMF/World Bank meetings were cancelled after September 11. While the main focus of the rally was on calling for a U.S. response that does not include bombing or attacking another country and ending racist attacks against Arab-Americans or those resembling Arabs, the point was also well made by many of the speakers and signs that the economic/military agenda of the present government and corporate globalization are creating situations of terrible desperation in the so called developing countries of the world that in turn help create terrorists and terrorism. Some held signs that read "U.S. out of the Middle East" and "U.S.A. stop funding Israeli terrorism." Many other signs read "defend our civil rights and civil liberties."



As busses arrived from across the United States, the number of demonstrators in and around Freedom Plaza swelled to an estimated ten thousand by 1 p.m. Soon after that, about fifteen hundred more demonstrators who marched from a similar rally at another location joined the crowd. They had been blocked and even pepper sprayed by police but eventually made it to Freedom Plaza where more busses were still arriving. Vermont was well represented by members of many Vermont based organizations including the Institute of Social Ecology, the Native Forest Network, ACERCA, and Vt. Mobilization for Global Justice, as well as the St. Johnsbury based Vermonters for Fair Trade and the very visible presence of Bread and Puppet.

On the periphery of the gathering, about five self-proclaimed "patriots" tried to pick a fight with a group of demonstrators but the non-violent activists refused to be called into a fight with their fellow Americans.

By 3 p.m. the number of people in attendance had grown to an estimated twenty-five thousand as the huge crowd moved onto the street for the march. Surrounded by police in full riot gear, the group filled the street for as far as could be seen in either direction. The march passed by a group of about fifty pro-war demonstrators. Some held signs that read "welcome traitors" and "seek therapy." One man held a sign with a drawing of a peace symbol on one side with the caption "your symbol" and a drawing of a mushroom cloud from a nuclear explosion on the other side with the caption "my symbol." The marchers chanted "War is not the answer!"

Demonstrators continued on Sunday and will continue in the future as many Americans work for global justice and a peaceful solution to this terrible crisis.

Tuition rises in Vermont State Colleges

By Abigail Stoutimore-

Incoming freshman may have not noticed, but returning students to the Vermont State Colleges have noticed an increase in their tuition fees. This raise is the result of the decision made by the Board of Trustees: each VSC president, the Dean of Administration and the Chancellor. After discussing several issues concerning the colleges, it was agreed that tuition rates would be raised 4%.

Several factors played into the decision to raise tuition at the VSC.. President of Lyndon State

College, Carol A. Moore stated, "Just supplies are subject to general inflation... those things go up." Health insurance, offered by the college for those students who do not have their own, is a major factor in the increased expense rate at LSC, as well as other Vermont colleges.

The increase in tuition was decided upon in November of 2000 and taken into action at the publishing of the new catalogue for the up and coming year. Though tuition was raised, Moore

amount paid by a student. Also, the rate of incoming students was not affected by the inflation.

"I really didn't notice the tuition hike responded Lindsey Cahoon, a sophomore.

As for the package value that each student receive as a student at Lyndon State College Moore is positive that each student is getting what they pay for, "... this is really a bargain," she stated

LSC enrollment at three-year high

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The last three years at Lyndon State College have seen enrollments slowly rise. This year the number reached 1239, a three-year high and a gain of 5% over last year. Director of Admissions Mimi McCaffrey gives credit for the continuing rise in enrollment to the reorganization of the admissions process and new programs being offered by LSC.

Among these new programs are degrees in nursing, engineering, interactive digital media,

geographic information systems, and the Fast Track program in business. Fast Track allows most individuals with an associate's degree or the equivalent to earn a bachelor's degree in business in as a little as a year in the evenings and on weekends. The nursing and engineering students are completing their general education studies as LSC students, but will ultimately earn their degrees from Castleton and Vermont Technical College respectively, although all the work will be completed on

the Lyndon campus. These programs are specifically designed for local residents who want to advance their education while building their careers

Growing the enrollment to an optimal level of 1300 is important to LSC because of the school's reliance on tuition and fundraising for about 84% of its budget. In Vermont, state appropriates for higher education hover at about 16% of what is needed. Vermont ranks 49th in the nation in per capita funding of higher education.

Southern man, better keep your head

Editorial

think George W. Bush has forgotten what his I good book said.

"Thou shalt not kill." It is elementary; children understand. But it seems many adults do not comprehend, and we find ourselves at war.

We are outraged at what happened to the innocent of our country. Yet the response of our representatives, our nation, is to return aggression with aggression, to avenge death with death. We will not turn the other cheek; we will not stop at defensive tactics to protect ourselves. We are instead taking innocent lives to replace innocent lives, with the hope that the guilty will be among them somewhere.

It is incomprehensible to me that the same

Americans who believe in the sanctity of American lives can also rally for war. Maybe if we called war by its other name, murder, we wouldn't march out quite so quickly.

"Murder? Turn the other cheek?!" I hear people screaming. "Would you let terrorists go unpunished? What would you do?"

Luckily, we have worked out an answer regarding what to do with people who take American lives. We search them out, arrest them, and try them in courts of law. It is not a fast system or even a flawless one, but it is what we have decided is just for American citizens. What is just for us must be just for them, no matter who the "them" happen to be at the moment.

I have heard many argue that we can not go that slow route to justice for own safety, but I refuse to believe in a world where the only solution to a problem lies in dropping bombs on the innocent. Call me what you will, but I will continue to believe in a world where non-violent solutions can, and eventually will, prevail. I will continue to think that there are people on this planet smart enough to come up with alternatives to war. I will continue to hope that someday the people in power will hear and accept these alternatives. I will never believe murder is acceptable, no matter who kills, no matter who is killed. Maybe if George Bush read more of that good book he is so fond of quoting from, he would believe so, too.

Student Government fundraising for 9/11 disasters

To the Editor:

The Student Association has begun a month-long fundraising effort called LSC for USA. The goal of the fundraiser is to raise \$1,000 to aid all those affected by the September 11, 2001 events. The Student Association will match all donations collected from October 11, 2001 through November 11, 2001, up to \$2,000. The money will be donated to Caledonia County Cares.

You will see thermometers placed in various spots around campus, and you can find donation boxes at switchboard,

the dining hall, and the snack bar. Student Association Senators will also be carrying around donation containers throughout the day and at any events that happen at the college, such as sporting events.

Please help the SA reach their goal of \$1000, and watch the thermometers explode once we go beyond it. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the Student Association office and talk to a senator or e-mail President Daryl Caver at lscdaryl1979@hotmail.com, Vice President Casey Smith

smithcl@mail.lsc.vsc.edu, or Edward Argenta, Junior Senator, epa09200@xmail.lsc.vsc.edu.

Edward P. Argenta Jr. Junior Senator, LSCSA



The Power of One, The Wisdom of Many:

A presentation where local residents | * Please keep all letters below 500 words. and groups can express their thoughts and reactions to the events of 9/11 through music, art, poetry,

October 24th 7:00 p.m. Alexander Twilight Theatre LSC Students are strongly encouraged to participate Check campus mail or contact Judy Raper for more Information

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Recreation trip to Ecuador in question

By Rachael Stinson

Since last semester, recreation students have been planning their annual trip. This year, they were hoping to visit Ecuador. However, due to the current position that our country is in, President Bush has put forth a national advisory for traveling outside of the country. Lyndon State College's school policy states that if a national advisory is in place, students are not allowed to leave the country for any school-related functions. Naturally, students have been upset by this news. John Kascenska, Associate Professor of Recreation Resource and Ski Area Management, says, "The

students are disappointed, but for the most part understanding."

Unfortunately, the students of the outdoor expedition class (REC306) do not have much of a say. The joint decision is between academic affairs and the faculty. Brainstorming for alternate plans is now in effect, but nothing definite has come about. Students have been encouraged to make suggestions of places to travel inside of the country. As of right now, plans of going to Canada or to Mt. Katahdin in Maine have been brought to

the table. Recreation student John Baldisari says, "These ideas are disappointing because the altitude of the mountains will not be as good as it is in Ecuador."

For now, any decisions for the trip have been postponed for at least a few weeks. Baldisari says, "From what we have learned, Ecuador is a safe country to travel to, especially if the correct precautions are taken. Still, things don't look good."

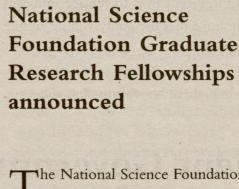
New club plans to get philosophical

By Jamie Keough

Several LSC students and faculty members are interested in organizing a new club on campus. Although there is no official name yet for the club, the main focus is on philosophy. Ethical issues and morality exist in our everyday lives and this club will be a way to facilitate those ideas. The club wishes to plan and promote debates, discussion forums, guest speakers and other events for all LSC students and community. Issues and topics

will vary depending on areas of interest.

In order to become an official club, a constitution and committee must be established and presented to LSC's student government. The club is welcoming suggestions and feedback. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the philosophy club or would like more information, contact Dr. Heather Keith by email at keithh@mail.lsc.vsc.edu or visit her office in Vail 467.



The National Science Foundation (NSF) will award approximately 900 new Graduate Research Fellowships, including awards offered for women in engineering and computer and information science.

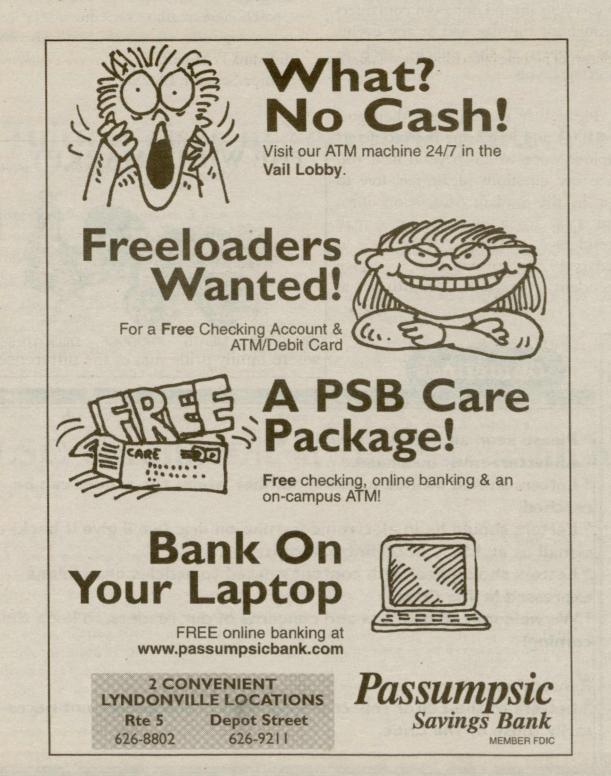
Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the field of science, mathematics, and engineering supported by the NSF. Applicants must be citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the United States at the time of application.

Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$20,500 for 12-month tenures, and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per tenure year.

The NSF welcomes applications from all qualified science, mathematics, or engineering students and strongly encourages women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to compete fully in this program.

The deadline for applying in the 2002 competition is November 7, 2001. Awards will be announced in late March 2002. The NSF contracts with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) to provide the support services for this prestigious fellowship program. For additional information, contact the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, ORAU, P.O. Box 3010, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-3010, phone (865) 241-4300, e-mail nsfgrfp@orau.gov, or fax (865) 241-4513. Also visit our Web page at http://www.orau.org/nsf/nsffel.htm.

Established in 1946, ORAU is a consortium of 85 doctoral-granting colleges and universities that serves the government, academia, and the private sector in important areas of science and technology.



First LSC/CSC nursing class in final year



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These eighteen nursing students meet twice each week at Lyndon State College for classes broadcast over Vermont Interactive Television from Castleton State College. Members of the class are, left to right, (row 1) Jayne Willman, R.N. (clinical instructor, Barnet), Denise Stevens (St. Johnsbury), Donna Hackett

association of the state of the

(West Burke), Natalie Cooper (Sheffield), Annika McCann (East Burke), Debbie Currier (Lyndonville), Cathy Marcus (Newport); (row 2) Jan Tate (Sutton), Barbara Jarvis (Wheelock), Joanne O'Hare (Peacham), Barandee Peterson (Woodsville), Jennifer Quirion (Newport), Janice Shatney (Concord), Stephanie Burgess (Lyndonville), Naomi Roy (Lyndonville); (row 3) Melanie Graham (Newport), Michelle LeBlanc (Newport), David Mellor (Lowell), and Kristol Renaudette (Sutton).

Students in the two-year LSC/CSC nursing program earn an associate's degree and will be prepared for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing. Lyndon provides the general education and prerequisite courses, Castleton provides the nursing courses and clinical work is done at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and other local health care providers. All course work for the nursing program is completed on the LSC campus.

Heroin: Vermont's small towns face big city problem

Continued from front page

Alcohol and Drug Use in the Green Mountains", held at the Lyndon State College Burke Mountain Room on October 4th, sponsored by the Governor's Heroin Action Committee and the Vermont Department of Health, it was stressed that the approach to eradicating heroin from our state must be multifaceted. During the introduction to the forum, Dr. Jan Carney, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health, highlighted the need for prevention and treatment as well as enforcement of laws.

In the area of prevention, said Carney, we must "talk about a connection between heroin, alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs because we all know kids don't just wake up one day and start using heroin." It is crucial to look at why and how people become heroin users as well as treating related substance abuse, which can be a precursor to heroin use.

Carney also brought up a serious need for treatment options in Vermont. She said there is a "huge treatment gap between the number of people who need treatment and those who actually received treatment. Vermont has been one of the few states that doesn't yet have a methadone or other pharmical therapy program, with the exception of the University of Vermont's research program."

Vermont has several treatment facilities, but some that have been through the programs say they are not effective.

"Yeah, there's Maple Leaf, there's Act I, there's Serenity House," said Smith. "There's a lot of places, but of all those places I'd say Maple Leaf is probably the best out of all of them if you can get

three days of nothing but staring at a wall, and that is the hardest thing. You sit in your room and you go crazy."

Smith described her experience at Act I: "They asked me what I was using and I said, 'I don't know...a gram a day.' You know what (the counselor) says? 'There is no way you've been doing rock heroin.' She didn't believe me. She says, 'you're 19. That's impossible.' It should be impossible, but it's not. They didn't take it seriously at all. I'm trying to get clean...why would I lie about what I was using?"

Smith has many ideas for the reform of rehabilitation centers in Vermont, based on her personal observations as a heroin user. "I think that we should combine (the Vermont rehabilitation centers) all, and have some educated personnel to treat people." She also says people need to listen, and longer programs are necessary if the treatment is to be effective. Addicts need, "a good month, more than just seven days (to get clean.) You go to rehab for seven days, you leave and you are almost guaranteed to go get high 'cause you are not done going through withdrawal. Until somebody realizes what the actual problem is and somebody realizes how to treat it responsibly and in a lasting way, I don't think anything is gonna get better."

And the consequences for an addict that does not get better can be as serious as death. It is often assumed that heroin users do not make it through high school and certainly do not go to college, but even in Vermont college students are dying from the drug. On March 17, 1995, Johnson State College senior Jay Blair died of a heroin overdose

(go to http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/specialnews/heroin/0210.htm for more information.) On October 23, 2000, Michael Matthies, a 19-year-old Bennington College student was found dead in a college restroom as a result of an overdose.

Mental Health Counselor Sam Silverman said the Brown House staff hears about Lyndon State College students using heroin on occasion, but it is mostly second hand information from concerned friends of users. "Maybe a couple times" they have had heroin users come in for help, Silverman said. Charles Lacaillade, Director of Security, said he could not recall any heroin busts on the LSC campus during his thirteen years in security.

However, heroin is here on our campus and in our community, and though as Silverman acknowledged, "There is an investment (among local institutions) in not having the problem become public," there is a greater need to recognize and address the problem before it becomes epidemic.



Family Weekend:

By Dana Amey

Likicked off the evening of Friday, October 12, with Vic Henley, Southern Comedian, in the Alexander Twilight Theater. Henley is known for Jeff Foxworthy-esque humor, and has co-authored a book with the well known comedian called Things You Don't Expect Southerners to Say. Henley's performance was well attended and received; the theater was full and everyone enjoyed the performance.

On Saturday, events off campus included a car wash at the Lyndonville Redemption Center to benefit the American Meteorological Society's Storm Conference and a yard sale outside the Lyndonville Diner to benefit the LSC Student Scholarship Fund. This event was organized by the Faculty/Staff Scholarship Committee, and all benefits go directly to student scholarships.

On campus, the morning began with a welcome from President Moore at 11:30, and moved from there to the excitement for the day: a carni-

val in Vail parking lot, which ran from noon to 5 p.m. The carnival was well attended and seemed to be a great success. Lester the Clown appeared on the scene around 1 p.m. and wandered through the crowd entertaining kids and adults alike with balloon animals. At 1:30, Shana Banana arrived on the scene. An interactive singing and guitar-playing act, Shana Banana is a pure entertainer; the crowd participated enthusiastically in her act.

In addition to these performers, there were many other forms of entertainment available to carnival-goers; the petting zoo was crowded with both exotic animals and sometimes eager, sometimes hesitant animal lovers. The animals included a ring-tailed lemur, an albino hedgehog, a







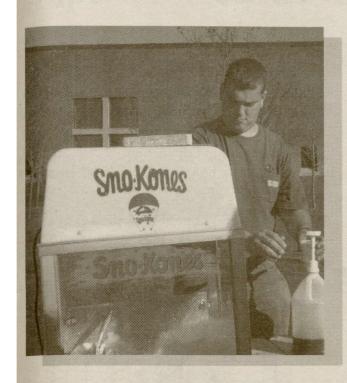


desert fox and a chinchilla named Chi-Chi, among others. Most animals were on leashes or held by their keepers while enthusiastic adults and children petted them.

As well as kiddie rides and activities, several clubs on campus set up tables, including the Business Club, Psychology the Student and Association. The Business Club held a raffle to benefit their annual trip to New York, selling tickets for \$1 apiece for a chance to win a CD player, a digital camera or a cordless phone. The drawing will be held on December 1, and tickets are still available. The Psychology Club was selling brownies, assorted cookies and other treats to benefit their trip to a conference in New Orleans. Student The Association was taking donations to benefit those affected by the events of September 11.

Anyone who wished could have their faces painted, of climb the "Rocky Mountains" in their bare feet—an inflatable mountain, complete with

Fun for all



footholds was set up at the carnival, as were several kiddie playgrounds of the same nature. People also had the opportunity to buy Burke Mountain season passes and wool sweaters, as well as popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones.

At 2 p.m., a Faculty and Staff Reading took place outside the snack bar. Readers included faculty members Chandler Gilman, Assistant Professor of English, who read three poems as well as the second two sections of a threepart story, and Andrea Luna, Assistant Professor of English, who read what she referred to as 'new mom poetry.' Also reading were students Ben Bolt, who read a single poem reminiscent of his days in Florida; Dana Amey, who read a non-fiction piece in honor of her grandmother; and Norm Johnson, who read a short



story inspired by the events of September 11. This event, as others, was well attended and received.

Casino Night, on Saturday night from 8 p.m. to midnight, closed out Family Weekend. Casino Night is one of LSC's favorite traditions; a night of blackjack, roulette and other games of chance kept everyone on their toes and having a great time. Prizes were awarded at the end of the night, and like all other Family Weekend events, this one was free for students and families, and enthusiastically received.





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LSC meteorology major first to win national scholarship

LSC PR

Nettie R. Lake of Stafford Springs, Conn., a senior at Lyndon State College, has been named the first winner of the Arthur C. Pike NWA (National Weather Association) Scholarship

in Meteorology for the year 2001. Lake, the daughter of Ronald and Patricia Lake, graduated from Rockville High School in 1998 and has earned a place on the Dean's List with Distinction at Lyndon. She has a double major in meteorology and mathematics.

Lake plans to attend graduate school upon completion of her bachelor's degree, working toward a career in teaching and research.

Applications for the Pike Scholarship came from colleges around the nation.

Sony stirred by student downloading

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According to Ledoux, Information Technology requested that he turn his computer over to them to be inspected for the illegal files. He complied but voluntarily gave the computer to IT. He stated that his network connection was disabled, but was re-enabled a few days after his computer was returned to him. He also commented that Sony seemed to be satisfied with the actions that LSC had taken in response to the complaint, and the entertainment company would not likely bring any legal charges against the college or himself.

President Moore urges students to refrain

from downloading and sharing files over the campus network. According to Moore, because of the raging war between music consumers and the music industry, larger music companies might make an issue of students who are performing these actions, "to make a point."

"I think that (the college wrote that) to create a scare. They can't afford to go up against Sony," stated Ledoux. "They needed to make an example of me. It does kind of suck that I got singled out."

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Sept. 11 victims and survivors remembered at LSC

A prayer service and tree planting at Lyndon State College held on the one-month anniversary of the terrorist attack memorialized the victims and survivors of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in Pennsylvania. The event took place in the Alexander Twilight Theatre and was attended by students, faculty, staff and community members.

The LSC student association planted the tree as a permanent memorial to the victims outside the library. The student association is also collecting contributions that it will match up to \$2000 and give to Caledonia Cares, the local agency established to collect donations for those affected by the attacks.



LSC students Daryl Caver Windsor), student association president, and Ed Argenta (r-Oakville, Conn.), plant a flowering crab tree as a remembrance for the victims of the September 11 attack. With them (on the right) is Director of Residential Life Jonathan Davis, student association advi-

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Living a dream

By Tim Hagerty

"When I was a small boy in Kansas, a friend of mine and I went fishing. I told him I wanted to be a real major league baseball player, a genuine professional like Honus Wagner. My friend said that he'd like to be president of the United States. Neither of us got our wish." - Dwight D. Eisenhower; Baseball Wit and Wisdom.

Our nation's 34th President shared the dream of many American boys. For generations, youngsters memorized statistics and pretended they were their idols while playing wiffleball in their front yards. They begged mom and dad to take them to a big league ballgame, and then gawked at the glowing green grass and pearly white baseballs when they arrived. The crack of the bat and pounding of a mitt serenaded them before falling asleep each night.

As adolescence turned into adulthood, life usually took a different path. Dreams turned into reality, and other options came about. Those young dreamers resorted to becoming fans, and maintained their regular 9 to 5 jobs. They taught their kids the rules of the game, and reminisced about players in years past.

What about those fortunate people who did get to live this dream? One in every ten high school players played in college. Only eight percent of those college players that were drafted ever donned a major league uniform. The rarity of making it to the majors made the experience surreal for all rookies.

Some players were able to make an immediate impression. Will Clark took the first pitch he ever saw deep, off of all time strikeout king Nolan Ryan. Jay Bell did the same, showing Bert Blyleven that the shortstop belonged in the big show.

Another player who started in eventful fashion was Denny Neagle. The lefty was pitching for Minnesota in 1991, the year the Twins won the World Series. In front of over 50,000 people, his career flashed in front of his eyes. "The thing I really remembered about it was that I got hit in the elbow with a line drive. It was heading for my forehead, and the only thing I could do was stick my pitching elbow in front of it," Neagle explained. Luckily for Neagle, the shot caused only a bone bruise, landing him on the disabled list for 15 days. His first start was one of many, as Neagle went on to pitch for seven teams in the last ten seasons. "I was nervous, excited, and then I thought my career ended on the same day it started," Neagle said.

Beyond accomplishing the ultimate goal of playing in the big time, most players dreamt of a long career, perhaps even making their mark on baseball's record book. Colorado Rockies' out-

fielder Greg Norton didn't waste any time. In August of 1996, as a member of the Chicago White Sox, Norton pinch hit for catcher Ron Karkovice. He singled in his first career plate appearance, and then hit successfully again, later in the same inning. Long time Yankee Billy Martin was the only other player in baseball history that accomplished such a feat. While it was n't exactly a milestone for his resume, in his first game Norton got the claim of being the answer to one of the most obscure baseball trivia questions. "I guess it wasn't that common that a pinch hitter is going to get two at bats in one inning the first time he got up there, so that was pretty cool." Norton admitted.

Superstars of today were criticized for their paychecks or their behavior, but each one of them still had a piece of that youngster in them. "My first Major League at bat, if you could have bottled that feeling up, you would have been a rich man," recollected All-Star firstbaseman Todd Helton. "Just the butterflies to know that this was what you worked your whole life for."

So far, only men have played professional baseball. Those men all had one thing in common; they had that little boy in them. Everyone in baseball, from coaches to players to broadcasters, all started as that young dreamers, young dreamers that felt privileged to be part of the most special and magical club in the world, Big League baseball, ever since the day they arrived.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that frightens us.

We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be

Brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?"

Actually, who are we not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small doesn't serve the world.

There's nothing enlightened about shrinking

So that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,

We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

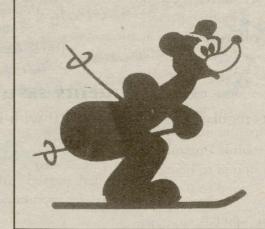
As we are liberated from our own fears, Our presence automatically liberates others.

- Nelson Mandela Inaugural Speech 1994

LSC/BURKE SEASON PASSES

Burke Mountain has made an offer that is too good to refuse. This year, LSC students will be able to ski at Burke Mountain for last season's cost. New skies haven't been luckier!

LSC students with 9 credits or more qualify for the \$199 pass, honored at both Burke Mountain and Jay Peak! Passes are on sale until November 2nd. Pick up applications in the student center, or call Beth Burrington at Burke Mt. at 626-3322. For BEGINNERS: ask about the \$299 beginner package that includes a Burke/Jay pass, equipment rental for the entire season, and three group lessons (based on availability and minimum participation.)



A history of Halloween

By Jenn Everett

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sowin). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, celebrated their new year on the eve of November 1st. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the cold, dark winter. The Celts were a pastoral people and the end of the summer was significant to them for many reasons. It meant that it was time to bring the cattle down from the summer pastures in the hills and that food was soon to become scarce.

To commemorate the event, the Druids, who were the wise priests of their religion, build sacred bonfires and conducted the religious ceremony. When the celebration was over, the people would re-light their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfires to help protect them during the coming winter. The extinguishing of the fires symbolized the "dark half" of the year, and the re-kindling from the sacred fires was symbolic of the returning light and life of the new year. It is important to note that there are NO historical records that say that human sacrifice or satanic rites occurred in these ceremonies. Satan could not have been worshiped at this celebration because Christianity had not yet been brought to this area and Satan was entirely a Christian concept.

In the years of the Roman Empire, the Samhain festival was included in the Roman festivals of Feralia, a day to honor the dead, and Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees. As the two cultures merged, apples and harvests became part of the celebration. After the fall of the Empire and during the rise of Christianity, church officials soon outlawed Samhain. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1st as All Saints' Day in an attempt to replace the Celtic festival by linking the celebration with evil witch-

craft and Satan. This turned Samhain into the church-sanctioned holiday we know today.

For the next 700 years, the Church felt it had won the battle because the Celts celebrated All Saints' Day. The Celts, on the other hand, felt they had won because they still had their holiday with most of the original ceremonies. Slowly, the two celebrations blurred into one. By the 1500's, they were one and the same. At this time, the wording of All Saints' Day had changed from All Hallows' Day to All Hallows' Evening, or in the slang of the villagers, Hallow Evening or simply Hallowe'en.

Halloween in the New World was remarkably different from the celebrations in Europe: it did not exist. The original settlers were Protestant and Halloween was technically a Catholic holiday. The settlers in this country found any celebration immoral; in fact celebrating Christmas in the Massachusetts colony was illegal, punishable by banishment or death. As more immigrants came over from Europe, Halloween gained in popularity. In 1921, Anoka, Minnesota celebrated the first official citywide celebration of Halloween with a costumed square dance and two parades. New York started celebrating in 1923 and LA by 1925. Vandalism began to plague Halloween celebrations in many communities during this time. By the 1950's town leaders had successfully limited vandalism and Halloween evolved into a holiday directed at the young. Trick-or-treating was revived from old customs and a new American tradition was born. Today, Americans spend \$2.5 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday.

Where did it come from?

Jack-o-lanterns – People in England and Ireland carved out turnips, beets and potatoes to

use as lanterns (not just on Halloween). The hollowing out of a turnip to serve as a makeshift lantern was simply a clever way to solve a technical problem in the absence of available metal. People in America used pumpkins because they were native to this country and easier to obtain than other gourds.

Trick-or-treating – This phrase and practice are actually American customs invented in the 1800's (Halloween and Other Festivals of Death and Life). However, the practice of trick-ortreating may stem from medieval times when poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them "soul-cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. Mumming could also be a source of the practice of trick-or-treating. Mumming was done by musicians and actors who would perform in exchange for food, a trick for a treat.

Costumes – This custom has both European and Celtic roots. On Halloween, superstitious people believed that ghosts would travel the earth. To avoid being recognized by the ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their houses after dark so those ghosts would think they were fellow spirits.

Bobbing for apples – This is an ancient marriage divination practice. The first person to bite an apple would be the first to marry in the new year. Apple peeling was a divination to see how long your life would be. The longer the unbroken apple peel, the longer the person's life would be.

Poisoned or just passed out?

By Jenn Everett

New York and the speeches about binge drinking and its dangers. This is not what this article is about. I don't care if you're drinking; I'm not here to lecture you. I came up with the idea for this article as I was babysitting yet another person who had way too much to drink. I realized that most college students don't know what the signs of alcohol poisoning are, and this can be a dangerous thing when most people on this campus drink, legally or otherwise. Below is the list of signs and what to do if you think someone has alcohol poisoning.

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning:

*Does not respond to being talked to

*Does not respond to being pinched, prodded, or poked

*Cannot stand up by themselves

*Cannot wake up

- *Slow, labored, or abnormal breathing (less than eight times per minute)
- *Purplish-colored skin, fingernails, lips, and gums
- *Skin feels cold and clammy
- *Rapid pulse rate, irregular heart rhythm, and lowered blood pressure
- *Vomiting while "sleeping" or passed out, and not waking up after vomiting

What to do:

*Call someone (911, R.A., Security, anyone who knows CPR). Do not hesitate in doing this; your friend's life could depend on your quick response.

*Don't leave the person alone

*Turn the person on their side to prevent choking. Use a small pillow in the small of his or her back to help prop him or her up.



*If the person IS conscious, make them vomit. If they are NOT conscious, do not induce vomiting. They will choke on their vomit.

*Monitor their breathing. If they stop breathing, begin CPR.

In closing, the only wisdom I can give to readers is what I've gained after five years of college: drink responsibly. If your friend has just pounded three beers or shots, don't encourage them to try a fourth. If they puke, first make them clean it up. Then get them to drink as much water as possible. This will prevent the dreaded dry heaves and the morning hangover. But most of all, if you find yourself in a situation where your friend is unconscious and can't be woken up, call someone. Don't worry about the consequences. Yeah, your friend may be angry for a while, but you may have saved a life, and your friend will eventually thank you for it.

Schedule of Events

Oct. 19th -25th - Catamount Film Series is showing "Songcatcher," a movie about a musician who discovers ancient Scottish-Irish ballads and songs in Appalachia and explores her own motivations for bringing the music to the outside world. For show times call 748-2600. Free with student ID.

Oct. 26th - November 1st - Catamount Film Series is showing "Haiku Tunnel," a movie about an aspiring novelist who must learn how to grow up and take on responsibilities in his now permanent job. For show times, please call 748-2600. Free with student ID.

Oct. 26th - Fairbanks Museum presents "The Greenhouse Effect & Global Warming." Well-known VPR garden and environmental commentator Ruth Page and Lyndon State College meteorology professor Nolan Atkins will discuss the environmental threat by global warming and the burning of fossil fuels. They will focus on current scientific understanding of global warming. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum at 7pm. Call 748–3663 for more information.

Oct. 27th – Saturday Nature Hike in the Lake Willoughby area. Guided by David Gwatkin. Begins at 9:30 am. Call 525-3154 or go to www.vtadventureco.com for more information.

Oct. 27th – Halloween Dance. Come costumed and win a prize. Look for signs for time and place.

Oct. 28th – Scary movie night in the theater.

Watch for posters for time and what's playing.

Oct 31st – Trick-or-treaters come to the dorms to get as much candy as they can. Don't disappoint them!!

Oct. 31st – Halloween Poetry Reading for all those interested. Come with a poem, short story or anything else you want. Look for signs for time and place.

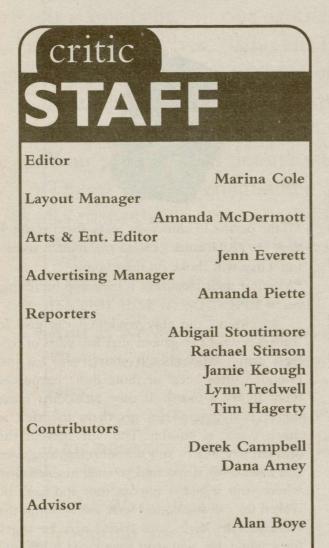
Nov. 3rd - Saturday Nature Hike in the Lake Willoughby area. Guided by David Gwatkin. Begins at 9:30 am. Call 525-3154 or go to www.vtadventureco.com for more information.

Nov. 3rd – Dec. 1st – Dathun with Acharya Gaylon Ferguson, a public program at Karme Choling Buddhist Meditation Center. Fee and reg., 633–2384 for more information.

Nov. 14th – Natalie MacMaster will be performing music, storytelling, and dance at 8 pm in the Twilight Theater. A must-see event. Free with student ID.



Will you miss having trick-or-treaters come to your door this year? You don't have to! On Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. LSC will be hosting a Halloween party for children in the Poland Rogers lounge. Following the party, the children will trick or treat throughout the residence halls. If you would like trick-or-treaters to come to your door, you need to place a pumpkin sign (available through your RA or Vail 370) on your door. Of course, you need to have treats for them as well! Please consider participating in what is sure to be a fun and lively program. For those who do not live in the residence halls, join us for the party!



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Handgun and hunting rifle found on LSC campus

By Abigail Stoutimore

On Friday afternoon of October 12, student Steven Howard was found with a handgun on the Lyndon State College campus. The weapon was a .22-caliber handgun. A second weapon, a hunting rifle, was found in the trunk of Howard's vehicle. It is against LSC policy to bring any firearms onto school campus.

Howard was a resident of the Matthewson House, which is part of the LSC residential housing located at Lyndon Institute.

It is confirmed that Howard was admitted, treated and released from the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital for head wounds on October 12, as reported by the Caledonian-Record on October 17. The wounds are reportedly unrelated to the incident at LSC.



The Caledonian-Record first broke the news of the campus incident on October 17; however much of the information in the article has been deemed inaccurate by LSC President Carol Moore, who issued an e-mail to all LSC students, addressing the issue. According to Moore, the article in the Caledonian-Record was misleading

Corporate coffee considered crummy:

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Students boycott for Green Mt. coffee

By Dana Amey

ver the past summer, Aramark, food service at LSC, provider replaced Green Mountain Coffee Roasters with Java City, a new and some say inferior brand of coffee. They also increased prices of all items, including coffee, by 4%. Both the change in coffee brand and the increase in

price have since been a sore subject with many students.

Bill Lacy, manager of Aramark food services on campus, says that the switch to Java City coffee was a "corporate level decision" rather than a campus level one, and was effective across the board for all Aramark clients. "We are allowed to buy from certain distributors," he says. GMCR is simply no longer carried by the distributors available to LSC or other Aramark clients.

A number of people on campus feel that an increase in price for an alleged decrease in quality is a poor exchange. A protest began on September 27, when two students papered the campus with fliers reading "How do you like your corporate coffee?" and suggesting a boycott on the product. A week later similar fliers appeared again, and on October 23 the Green Mountain Buzzmobile



arrived with free coffee, mugs, magnets, and T-shirts advertising GMCR. Available at the Buzzmobile were petitions to sign demanding that Aramark return to GMCR.

Each event gained more support and recognition for the movement; 345 names appeared on the petitions at the Buzzmobile in only the first four hours. There are no immediate plans for another such event on the LSC campus; the next step, according to Marc Tamiso, who with a group of six students has been responsible for the fliers and other protests, is to "contact other campuses and local media, and continue to voice discontent."

Rather than begin at campus level with LSC Aramark management, the protesters are going

Cell Phone Tower Considered at LSC

By Kathleen Hamel

A preliminary conversation with a couple of different communications companies, including Verizon Communications, have been held to discuss replacing or extending the present radio station tower with a cell phone and radio tower at Lyndon State College. President Carol Moore confirmed that they have been approached by as many as three different companies requesting permission to build a cell phone tower at the crest of the hill overlooking the school near the president's house. Most aspects of the new tower are still in negotiations.

Expected benefits of a cell phone tower include better reception for both cell phones and the radio station. Local cell phone users, which includes both administration and students alike, have described present service as spotty. A new tower at the college would fill in the gap that presently exists. Also, additional revenue would be provided to the school as part of the lease agreements. The design of the new tower would be more modern than the existing radio station tower now being used; it would be a little more futuristic looking.

Possible problems include health hazards from electro-magnetic radiation being in such close proximity to the student population. At this time these concerns are basically unsubstantiated

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Student Association treasurer resigns from position

Tennifer Omelianoff, sophomore English literature and secondary education major, has resigned from her position as treasurer of the student government, now called the Student Association. Omelianoff's resignation, which referred to miscommunication between members of the executive board as the reason for leaving the treasurer's position, was submitted after a petition calling for her impeachment began circulating.

Edward Argenta, junior meteorology major and Student Association senator, and Nick Savoie, former treasurer, began the petition, claiming Omelianoff was not doing her job. The impeachment stated that Omelianoff was violating the Student Association constitution and was misrepresenting the general fund to the Student Association. The constitution states that the treasurer will meet with the rest of the executive board once a week and "shall meet with the Director of Accounting Services on the following Thursday or Friday after a house meeting to ensure all the numbers match up." According to Argenta,

Omelianoff was not attending these meetings. Savoie declined to comment.

Argenta said that Omelianoff "did not have to resign. Impeachment does not mean that you lose your job. It only means that a trial is brought against you, evidence is shown, you are given the opportunity to defend yourself, and then the Executive Board makes the decision." Though the impeachment petition upset some students, Argenta said he felt he had to do it in order to make the college run better.

Daryl Caver, senior meteorology major and Student Association president, said he was out sick for two weeks with mono and was aware of the fact that there were problems, but could not return in time to solve them. According to Caver, before he was out sick, Omelianoff's work performance was fine. Savoie was assisting her as she learned her new position. "She sounded enthused about doing the job," said Caver, who was not sure where the problems started. Caver also said he did not have a chance to talk with Omelianoff before he received her resignation, which took effect immediately upon handing it in.

Omelianoff believes the petition started because she did not have the correct information concerning the general fund amount at Student Association meetings, and because she missed two meetings with Bob Bean, Director of Accounting Services. According to Omelianoff, no one talked to her about the impeachment. She became aware of the petition only after friends informed her of

According to Omelianoff, she then discussed the matter with both Savoie and Argenta, asking, "Why couldn't you have just come to me and told me all of this. Maybe we could have talked and worked things out." Omelianoff feels that things could have been resolved if communication and not petitions of impeachment had been used. "I had good intentions about being on the senate and I did not expect this to happen. Nobody wants to be in a place where they are not wanted," said Omelianoff.

American Meteorology Society again named Chapter of the Year LSC PR

yndon State College senior Mark Taylor of Seekonk, Massachusetts, has announced that the LSC chapter of the American Meteorology Society has been named Student Chapter of the Year by the national AMS organization for the second year in a row. The award is for activities in the 2000-2001 academic year and recognizes interaction and promotion of meteorology within the community. Taylor is the public relations officer for the Lyndon group.

The LSC AMS chapter has for over 25 years

sponsored the national Storm Conference, held in Hampshire, who both graduated in 2001. Saratoga, New York. The Storm Conference is a gathering of meteorologists from around the eastern United States who study and discuss the weather and meteorology in general.

Officers of the LSC AMS in 2000-2001 were junior Ed Argenta of Oakville, Connecticut; junior Cegeon Chan of Chelmsford, Massachusetts; senior Justin Arnott of Mount Vernon, New Hampshire; and Tracy McCormick of Bellingham, Massachusetts and Dina Freedman of Derry, New

Jason Furtado, a senior from East Providence, Rhode Island and this year's club president, extended congratulations to the entire chapter. "Without all of your hard work, this award would never have been possible," he said.

Beside the Storm Conference, the LSC AMS sponsors the annual AMS Ball and plans a talent show for this December.

Handgun and hunting rifle found on LSC campus continued from front page

and gave the impression that the reporter had been given information about the incident by Dean Beaupre. The e-mail sent out by Moore strongly denied any claims or allusions the Caledonian had made concerning any contact with the school.

"The article in the Caledonian was, at best, misleading," stated the letter. "Neither Dean Beaupre nor any other officer of the college released the name of the student involved to the Caledonian reporter. Although the article was written in such a way as to convey the clear

impression that Dean Beaupre had given the name of the student to the reporter, that is totally inac-

In addition, Moore's letter said that the Caledonian-Record was also inaccurate about several issues concerning the incident with Howard. The paper's allusion that Howard was aiming "to do harm to other students" and report that he was restrained during the incident was falsehood, said Moore.

Moore stated in the letter that Howard will be facing the Judiciary Committee, which "will be recommending sanctions in accordance with the gravity of the policy infraction."

It is LSC policy not to release any information specifically related to campus incidents to any media source, including the Caledonian-Record. The Caledonian-Record currently is entered in a lawsuit against the college for refusing to share information related to campus incidents.





Teresa's Touch of Style



Do we have a right to know?

Editorial

It came as a bit of a shock. Being forced to realize that terrorists can crash planes into our tall buildings did not make the news of a student with guns on our campus less startling. Whether anyone was intending on using the guns for harm or not, it was still scary to know that for even a little while the possibility existed.

I have generally felt insulated, safe in Vermont. However, that feeling has been wearing thin lately. In addition to our gun toter, a student at Johnson State College was recently found with bombs.

It is hard to feel safe when things like this happen. Guns are prominent this time of year, but bombs could never be passed off as hunting equipment. While we still don't know for sure if anyone at LSC was in danger, the students at Johnson don't even have such a shaky post to

hang their fear on. Bombs only have one use.

It is even harder to return to feelings of security when information is withheld. I am having trouble deciding for myself if I should worry about lone gunmen on campus, or if one person just made a bad judgment about where to store his firearms. This is in part because rumors from students abound. It is also because there is no one to get straight answers from. Campus security and college officials are bound by rules of confidentiality, and hospitals and state police can only give very limited kinds of information. Campus judicial hearings are closed to the public. Unless you were a part of the "incident," it is unlikely you will find out whether or not you should be worried about your safety or glad to have such a responsive security force on campus.

Until answers from official sources are produced, we will be forced to wonder.

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Non-Traditional Club to meet regularly

To the Editor:

The Non-Traditional Club has held its first meeting! What is the Non-Traditional Club you ask? It's a group of non-traditional aged students getting together to share their ideas about attending Lyndon. A non-traditional student is generally 24 years old or older.

The club will be meeting once a month, the first Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be November 6 at 12noon to 1p.m. in the Vail Conference Room (#226). Remember you also have a voice here on campus – use it!

We all know the demands of home and work. If you can make a meeting, that's great.

If not, your input of ideas and suggestions is very much needed. We are trying to set up a drop box for ideas and questions. If you have suggestions you can't wait to share, you can call Cindy Stanton at 525-1229 or email cindys@kingcon.com.

Sincerely, Cindy Stanton



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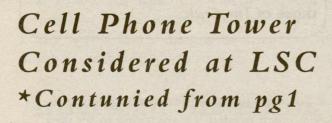
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Lyndon Children's Center remains open on Vail Hill

By Jamie Keough

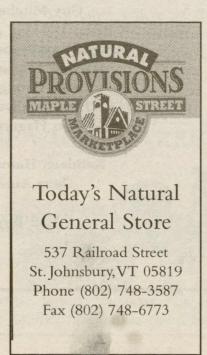
The location of the Lyndon Children's Center will remain on Vail Hill, according to a source at the center. Although lease negotiations will continue between Lyndon State College President Carol Moore and LCC Director Lori Phillips, the current lease for the center will not run out until June 30, 2002.

In April, Moore and Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton granted an extension of the LCC's lease into the summer. Previously, LCC had been told to find a new location. They were planning to open their doors off campus. Moore did not release information as to what would replace LCC.



but are being investigated by many in the scientific community. Moore stated that health issues would be researched thoroughly by Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administrative Affairs, "when we get serious." The president's house is within the recommended distance of 500 foot clearance from such electro-magnetic fields, but Moore says that she has no concerns about her own safety as she lives there. A chain link fence restricting access to the tower will also surround it. Another consideration that must be addressed is that of aesthetics with an even taller tower breaking up the skyline.

Under the Federal Telecommunications Act, towns must accommodate cell phone tower company's requests to place these towers within the town limits. They must be able to place them in a way that completes coverage for the entire area. It is up to the people that are directly benefiting from and being affected by these towers to get involved with the actual placement process of such telecommunications equipment.





Many LSC students, staff and faculty use LCC and find it important to have on campus childcare available to them. Since LCC will

remain open throughout the year, they will be able to take advantage of the convenience of this resource.

By Guy Mitchel

Impulse 91.5 off the air

The Impulse 91. 5, Lyndon State College's radio station, usually rocks the N ortheast Kingdom everyday. After great o ptimism from disk jockeys and station directors about the up coming year, the station is suffering from a technical problem. An exciter blew up and a new one

has be en purchased. The exciter is the piece of equipment thats ends the signal out to people's radios. After a lengthy wait, the parts required have arrived. Impulse listeners can look forward to are turn any day now. All student directors express their appreciation to the listeners who are being patient throughout this problem.



Food thefts leave students upset and hungry

By Lynn Tredwell

Suite refrigerators in the dorms have been the scenes of numerous crimes since mid-September. Food is disappearing from fridge shelves. The kinds of foods being stolen are left over pizza and other takeout leftovers, frozen foods, orange juice...anything in the refrigerator. The dorms that are untouched by the food thefts are the boys' suites and Wheelock. At least one of the suspects has been seen, but nobody has been caught.

Those hit by the thefts believe them to be caused by people who are too cheap or do not have enough money to go out and buy their own food. " If they steal another thing from me or my suitemates, I will personally hunt them down and do whatever is necessary to make them regret what they did," said Jenn Everett, a senior Human Services major.

To combat the food thefts, which are occurring at early morning hours, Resident Advisors are recommending that the main suite doors be kept locked. "Lock the suite door, definitely lock your suite door. This will prevent people from stealing your food," said Cegeon Chan, R.A. and junior Meteorology major. R.A.s usually lock the doors, but people find it such a nuisance that they unlock them.

If you are an on-campus resident, watch out for anyone in your fridge. If you see anything suspicious, tell your R.A.



Directors at Lyndon State College seek unionization

By Rachael Stinson

Many of the directors of Lyndon State College feel that it would be beneficial for themselves and others to form a union. The reason they feel this way is because they are the only non-represented staff in the entire school. They have no input toward issues concerning their budget. The budget includes issues like salaries and benefits. They hope forming a union will give them some voice in the system.

However, they realize a union would become an obstacle for negotiating. If the union were successful, part of the control over the budget would leave the hands of the central office and be put into the hands of the directors.

The 20 to 30 LSC-employed directors involved in the idea of a union complain that their budgets are always subject to change. They claim that if funds need to be pinched from one place and then used somewhere else, the college turns toward the budgets of the directors. They feel that if they were represented, their voices would be heard. Since no representation exists, they feel taken advantage of. Their budgets are constantly changed because they are not set in stone.

President Carol Moore says that no one has spoken to her personally about why the directors are forming a union. She feels that "the individuals involved will lose a lot of flexibility that they have had in their working conditions, particularly their working hours."

Moore also says that if a union were formed it would be like hiring another set of administrators. The union wouldn't really be a voice for the directors, it would only negotiate in terms of salary and working conditions for individuals. "It would not be a voice on issues related to offices nor college decision-maiking." Moore also states that the union would only be negotiating with the central office, not the college itself.

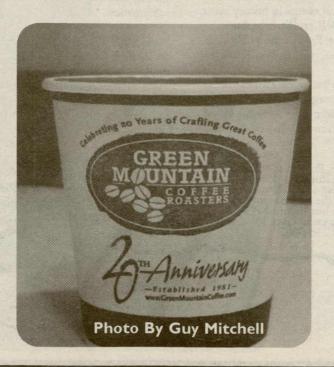
As far as tension in the workplace is concerned, Moore feels that bringing in a union will complicate communication between the Chancellor's office and the directors, not facilitate any solutions to the problem itself.

As of right now, the formation of a union is still underway, with no official word from any of the directors.

Corporate coffee considered crummy: continued from front page

right to the top: "There's no sense in starting with them because it's not their decision," says Tamiso. "It's a corporate decision."

Tamiso says the group feels tactics such as boycotts demonstrate most effectively the strong sentiment among the students. "This is an effective grassroots way to send a message to a corporation such as Aramark]," says Tamiso. "Corporations are about profit and loss, and if there's a chance of a loss they'll listen." Tamiso encourages students to participate, suggesting fear that one's voice will not be heard is no reason not to speak. He makes a comparison to people who don't vote because they don't believe their votes count for anything: "As consumers the only vote you have is the dol-



lar you spend. You get to vote every day."

GMCR has been cooperative but not aggressive in Tamiso's campaign; he says they were at first reluctant to send the Buzzmobile to LSC, but agreed because the base of support for their product was so large.

The outer office of the president's suite has traditionally made coffee available for public consumption, and although GMCR is no longer available in the dining hall or the snack bar, it is still available there. President Moore was unavailable for comment on this matter.

Fast Food Nation: Are we what we eat?

By Jenn Everett

Fast Food Nation Eric Schlosser, Houghton Mifflin Co. 2001. 288 pgs., hardcover - \$25.00

Warning: this book will change the way you look at your food and the industries that produce it.

Since I read Fast Food Nation I cannot look at a hamburger or chicken breast the same way I used to. The statistics and horror stories I read in this book keep running through my mind. This book enlightened my perceptions about the way that fast food corporations work and what they serve. I stopped eating fast food many years ago due to the fact that I really disliked the taste and look of it, and now I am glad I did. I always knew that fast food was bad for you, but I didn't think it was this disgusting.

The first thing that strikes the reader is the section outlining the immense profits that fast food restaurants make. It is unbelievable that a large vanilla shake costs pennies to make and costs the consumer two dollars to buy. That is almost a 150% profit on just one shake. This is basically "legal" highway robbery that these corporations are committing.

The next part of the book, the part about the slaughterhouses, just about made me put the book down for good. I got nauseous when I read about how the cows are slaughtered and how their carcasses are processed. I knew before I read the book

Fric Schlosser

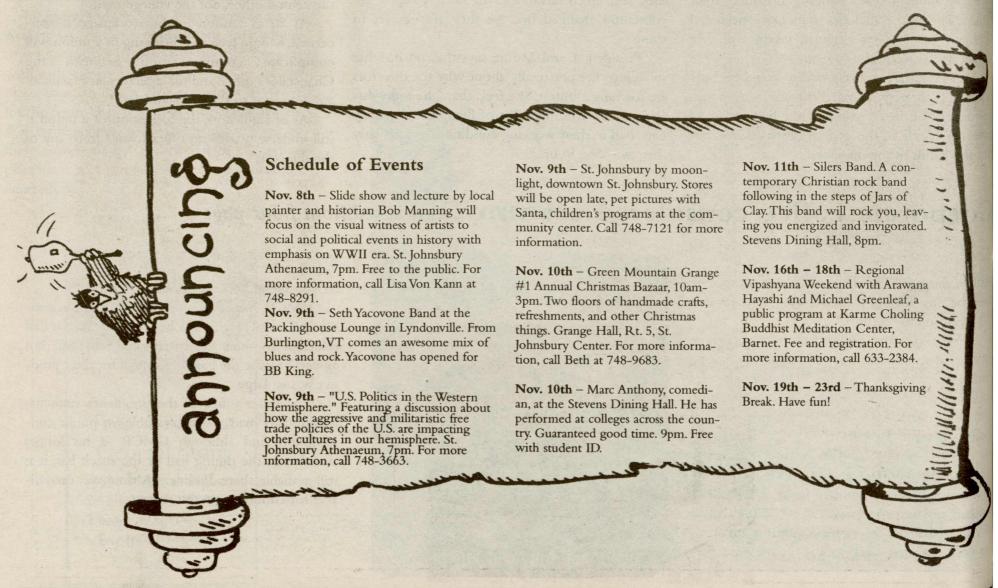
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that slaughterhouses are horrible places, but I have never seen it so vividly described. I struggled with my rebelling stomach and managed to finish the chapter. I suggest that if you have a weak stomach, you should ski this section of Fast Food Nation.

When I read the chapter on the most dangerous job in the world, meatpacking, I was filled with outrage. These poor people are used abused, and then thrown away when they are not longer able to make a profit for the factory. We have enforced laws that protect animal from cruelty, yet even OSHA has been rendered powerless to enforce the protection of slaughterhouse workers.

I think that the worst part of the book which also has the most impact, is where the author presents some of the scarier statistic. The most horrible statistic is that 75% of the raw ground beef bought in stores has fecal matter on it. I also was surprised about the finding from the study done by the University of Arizona that focused on the average kitcher sink. Gerba, the study's microbiologist, says that there is "...far more fecal bacteria in the average American kitchen sink than in the average American toilet. You'd be better off eating a carrot stick that fell in your toilet than one that fell in your sink."

Although it has severely limited what I will now eat, I am really glad that I read this book. It has opened my eyes a bit more and allowed me to make more educated decisions about food. People should be able to eat meat without having to worry about dying from bacterial contamination or poisonous chemicals. Fast Food Nation should be a must-read for any person who wants to know what's in his or her food.



The ghost that walks our hallways

By Jenn Everett

If you mention the name Emma to most students on Campus, they know who you are talking about. However, the true story of Emma Vail is not as well known and rumors have twisted the facts so that they do not resemble anything close to the truth.

First, there were two Emma Vails. The first was T.N. Vail's older sister, who has nothing to do with the LSC hauntings. The second was Vail's wife, Emma Louise Righter, who is the one supposedly haunting the theater here at LSC. She married Vail on August 3rd, 1869. Interestingly, Emma and Vail were first cousins once removed) but hadn't seen each other for two of the three years they were engaged. The Vails traveled after they married, eventually settling in Vermont at Speedwell Farms, now the site of the Vail building on the LSC campus. Emma was known for her love of Vermont, staying at Speedwell Farms while Vail traveled around the world.

Emma became sick around the turn of the century and was cautioned by her doctor to stay indoors to "avoid taking a chill." However, her love of the outdoors was to be her downfall. While Vail was in England on business, she caught a chill while outside in severe weather. She died suddenly on February 3rd, 1905. Vail arrived a week later to hold services at Speedwell Farm. Her grave is in a lot that was "bought at Parsippany, the home of her people."

Some people believe that Emma's ghost still haunts the Alexander Twilight Theater. Even if it isn't Emma, there is a ghost that hangs around scaring the wits out of insuspecting people. There are many students, staff, faculty, and even performers who have witnessed some of the mysterious phenomena that cannot be explained. A psychic who performed in the theater a few years ago used the women's bathroom in the theater lobby. She came out a few minutes later and asked a CAB member who the old woman was in the bathroom. When the bathroom was searched, there was no one to be found.

The most dramatic show of Emma's presence occurred during a performance by a ventriloquist. He had been making fun of Emma for a few minutes when his glass of water was knocked to the floor. Audience members watched the glass roll to the edge of the stage, where instead of falling and breaking, it stopped and

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slowly stood upright. People have tried to repeat the phenomena but all attempts have failed. Another show of Emma's presence occurs during the Twilight Players' performances. During some performances, an inexplicable "extra" appears dressed in 19th century clothing, regardless of the production's time period. A magician's prop balls kept spinning away from him and a tightrope walker suffered the first fall of her career in the theater. She claims she was pushed.

Emma's wheelchair has been a source of debate and fear nearly as long as the ghostly hauntings have been. The wheelchair has been found sitting on the stage after the Twilight Players productions when it was supposed to be safely locked up in the Vail museum. Security officers have seen the wheelchair rolling down the hallways o

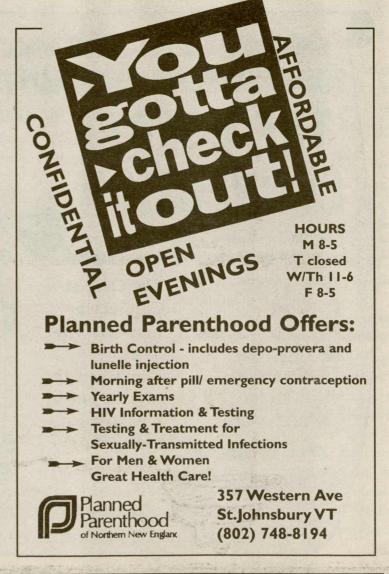
the Vail building late at night. Jay Scherer, an alumnus of LSC and a current member of the Twilight Players had a first-hand experience with Emma's wheelchair: "While doing the production of Inspector Hound, we used the wheelchair as a prop during practice. When we were done for the night we would put the wheelchair in the loft. The next night we would come back and it would have moved from the loft to other places in the theater, next to the piano, on the thrust, by the doors to the lobby. Once it was in the hallway heading towards the Bole gym."

Even though the wheelchair has been linked to Emma, Dick Boera, the former Dean of Business Affairs, says that the wheelchair is not Emma's. He states that it is "simply an old wheelchair...not 95 years old by any means...but a prop used in one of the plays performed in the theater." Despite what Boera says, even tour guides in the museum say that the wheelchair is, in fact, Emma's. But if the wheelchair isn't Emma's, then why does it move around and appear in the strangest places? Former security officers have admitted to occasionally moving it around to freak people out. However, one security officer says that those pranks have not been done in a few years, which leaves the phenomena a total mystery.

The last of the haunting stories concerns the sleep-overs hosted by the Twilight Players in the past. The Players would camp out for the night in the theater as a "bonding experience." More than once, the Players were scared out by noises or other things they could not explain. Michelle LaBerge, an alumnus and current Player, recalls strange power outages that would suddenly fix themselves and eerie feelings while working late at night in the theater. Other former Players have claimed to hear strange noises or, in one case, actually seen the figure of Emma on the stage.

It is left up to the student body, staff, and faculty to decide if Emma really haunts the Twilight Theater and the Vail building. So if some night you are walking down a darkened corridor or wander into the theater and spot a figure that slowly vanishes in front of you, don't be afraid: it's just Emma.





Behaving Ballplayers?

By Tim Hagerty

Charles Barkley once made it clear to parents that he doesn't want to be a role model to their kids. Albert Belle said his off the field antics shouldn't be brought up, and that he is targeted just because he is a baseball player. Athletes are human beings like the rest of us, but should they act that way? Do ballplayers have an added obligation to behave themselves and bite their tongues?

"Whether we want to be or not, we are role models. But I think that people should act in a professional manner no matter who you are or what you do in life," says Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Turk Wendell.

While society shuns anyone who is constantly discourteous, athletes are on a different level. The standards that they have to live up to are far higher, mainly because of the attention they receive. The average American with a nine-to-five job sees the same people every day. When baseball players go to work, there are tens of thousands of people watching their every move. Between the people reading the newspaper, listening to the radio, and watching the television broadcasts, the number of people following them is twenty times more than the number of people in the stands.

"You have to realize that in some big cities there are twenty different media outlets, and everyone wants the big story. You have to think about what you're going to say, not go in there in the heat of the moment and say what is on your mind, because it will end up in the paper," says New York Mets' outfielder Darryl Hamilton.

That amount of attention is there at the stadiums every day, but some players still show the discourteous human in them. An example of this occurred this past August, when Red Sox outfielder Carl Everett looked at Seattle pitcher Jaime

Moyer and grabbed his crotch in disgust. Nearly forty thousand witnessed this obscene gesture, but Everett still refused to apologize. If a McDonalds employee committed a similar act to a customer, there would be a complaint filed, but that would probably be the last we heard of it.

Luckily some players understand how they are viewed. "Every action I do really represents my family and me personally, so I just try to go out and conduct myself in a good manner," says Tampa Bay pitcher Brian Rose.

An away game for a player usually comes with a serenading of heckling from the home team's fans. If a construction worker was jeered for no apparent reason, he or she would most likely yell back in his or her own defense. This confrontation usually isn't an option for the targets of the yelling, but ballplayers have ears, and are often offended by remarks that cross the line.

"I don't see the logic in it, why can't people just sit with their mouths shut and watch a game?" says Wendell in a feisty fashion. "Just because they paid twenty bucks or whatever it is to get into a game, it doesn't give them the right to rag on and make fun of people. How would they like it if I went to where they worked and heckled them at every little thing that they did?"

Most players claim that they can block out these distractions. Being a professional athlete requires as much mental strength as physical strength. Jimmy Rollins started in the All-Stagame, representing a notorious heckling cit Philadelphia. Rookies are generally affected a such behavior, but Rollins is the exception, usually just block it out. I just look at it as a fatrying to get your attention. It doesn't really matter what they say anyway; they're in the stands he says.

Some players are more honest, showing the human in them. "It does at times take away some concentration," says Toronto shortstop Ale Gonzalez. "They're trying to benefit their home club, but some fans are pretty tough." Gonzale also says that biting your tongue can be quite difficult. "It is very tempting to give them some grief back, but with everyone watching you, yo have to be mature."

If athletes don't want to be role models, the they shouldn't be athletes. When kids are wearing your jersey, and people have parties revolving around your game, some behavior is unacceptable, including behavior that may even be acceptable to a member of the general public.

So often these days we see players in the headlines for their extracurricular activities. anyone acts like a jerk, it is bad, but it is worse an athlete acts this way. A professional athlete not only representing himself and his family, but the city that is written on his jersey.

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	Fri 11/30	9:15	Connecticut College @ Fenton Chester						
DEC	Sat 12/1	8:00	@ Bridgewater State College - Bridgewater, MA						
	Sat 12/8	5:00	@MIT - Cambridge, MA						
JAN	Fri 1/25	9:15	Springfield College @ Fenton Chester						
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6 Graham Waleryszak		Center	Exeter, NH	Jr.	
7	Justin "Smitty" Smith	Wing	Concord, NH	Jr.	
8	Rick "Ricky" Dow	Center	Scarborough, ME	Sr.	
9	Ryan "Moose" Tacy	Defense	West Hartford, CT	So.	
10	Justin "Dubber" Skoda	Defense	Montpelier, VT	Ir.	
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14	Mike "Mo" McConnell	Wing	White River, VT	Fr.	
15	Brian Mellor	Wing	Epping, NH	Fr.	
16	Matt Boudro	Center	Reading, VT	Jr.	
17	Ben "Benny Caz" Caswell	Center	Derby Line, VT	Ir.	
19	Darrick Granai	Wing	Derby, VT	Fr.	
20	Dan Lazorchak	Wing	Essex, VT	Fr.	
21	Brandon Oldham	Defense	Canaan,VT	So	
22	Kera Bombard	Wing	Barre, VT	Fr.	
23	Brett Caron	Wing	Berlin, NH	Fr.	
31	Jarod "J-Rod" Rogers	Goaltender	Groveton, NH	Ir.	
32	Ryan Stephens	Goaltender	Highlnd, MD	Fr.	
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Sony downloader won't do it again

By Abigail Stoutimore

Nearly every student on the Lyndon State College campus is now familiar with "the Sony kid," freshman Nick Ledoux, a journalism major at the college who was among the first students to be caught sharing mp3 files over the LSC internet network. The Sony Music Company had detected Ledoux's activity online, and contacted the college.

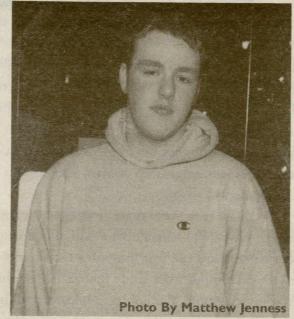
Ledoux stated in an earlier interview [Critic vol.48, no.3] that "(the college) needed to make an example of me."

Ledoux's computer was temporarily taken off of the school network, and he was required to attend a private judicial hearing with Assistant Director of Residential Life Jonathan Davis in order to regain his internet privilege.

During the short meeting, which was only "five to ten minutes long" according to Ledoux, Davis discussed the charges held against Ledoux. He had violated Vermont State College computer usage policy, and was issued a written warning. Because Sony was satisfied with the actions LSC had taken in disciplining Ledoux, no further legal action was necessary.

"The whole thing was pretty laid back. They didn't want to make me feel like a criminal or anything," stated Ledoux.

Unfortunately, the warning sent to students by the publication of Ledoux's incident has not had a significant effect on students downloading from



Nick Ledoux was issued a written warning for downloading an mp3 from Sony Music.

the internet. According to Ledoux, Residential Life and Information Technology have been forced to crack down on this activity, and Jonathan Davis has been bogged down with similar judicial hearings.

Ledoux speculates that if he were to be caught in violation of VSC computer usage regulations a second time, he would suffer greater repercussions than his first violation, "...possibly a fine or disconnection from the network... I doubt expulsion" and so he is certain, " I won't download mp3s here."

Terror in Johnson

By Scott David Monroe
Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

A JSC student has been suspended following an arraignment in Lamoille district court on felony charges of making explosive devices and growing marijuana.

Much of downtown Johnson was cordoned off and evacuated at approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 18 after police searched an apartment of Kristopher Fon Eison on Railroad Street and discovered bomb-making materials.

Fon Eisen, 20, was taken into custody, according to Lamoille County Sheriff Roger Marcoux, after police uncovered chemical mixtures for explosives, a fake bomb and several marijuana plants at his residence. They later found him at his mother's home in Hyde Park.

Fon Eisen pleaded innocent the following day to four felony charges of making explosive devices and growing marijuana. He was released on \$10,000 bond and on conditions which include taking medication to treat depression; possessing neither firearms nor explosives; living with his mother and stepfather; leaving only to go to work or with their supervision.

Overdosing on drugs shortly after his release, Fon Eison was taken to Copley Hospital in Morrisville, police said. Fon Eison was brought to the hospital late Friday afternoon, and he was in fair condition by the evening according to a Copley spokeswoman.

The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department in cooperation with the Vermont State Police and Morristown Police Department had begun investigating the matter two days prior according to Dean of Students Ron Chesbrough.

Chesbrough said a JSC student offered concerns on Tuesday, October 16 that Fon Eisen, a second semester freshman, had brought a gun to school on at least one occasion. Chesbrough then contacted Marcoux and also indicated that Fon Eisen was an occasional substitute teacher at Lamoille Union High School, where his mother, Pamela Porter, is an associate principle.

"The police interviewed the student who had come forward on that same day for three hours. On the basis of that, [the police] sought out a search warrant, which it took them a day to get because they did not have physical evidence," Chesbrough said. "What we saw [Thursday night] was the execution of that search order."

While the Sheriff's deputies made the arrest, the Vermont State Police Bomb Squad and Disposal Unit contained the incident in Johnson. Morristown Police officers secured the West End of Main Street and found an explosive device

College remembers popular faculty member

By Marina Cole

Retired faculty member Martha "Marty" Wood, 57, passed away Friday, November 9. Wood, who retired from her position as professor of allied health sciences and physical education in May of this year, worked for Lyndon State College for 15 years.

Wood was honored in September at Alumni Weekend with the Faculty and Staff Recognition Award. This award is given by the Alumni Council in recognition of a current or past faculty member who influenced the lives of alumni.

"The outstanding thing about Marty," said Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administration, "was her love of teaching and her dedication to students. She was a very popular faculty member among students, faculty, and staff. We're all going to miss her a great deal."

A memorial service for Wood will be held Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theater.



MarthaWood, pictured here at the retirement banquet, passed away November 9.

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Reception honors internship employers

By Jamie Keough

n Wednesday, November 7, Linda Wacholder, Director of LSC Career Services, hosted a reception in the Burke Mountain Room to thank employers who provided internships for LSC students. Students and employers participated in the internship program during the fall 2000 through summer 2001 semesters.

The reception, attended by LSC President Carol Moore, was a small sampling of students and employers that shared a learning experience through an internship. Wacholder stressed that nearly 155 students held internships during that period of time. Some of the internship sites ranged from the Old Mill Racquet Club to Beckett School to the Rosie O'Donnell Show. Wacholder summed up some internship experiences by sharing stories of success and fun between interns and employers. Wacholder truly wanted to express her thanks to employers for endeavoring in the journey to intern LSC students.

Recently Wacholder has become involved with Monstertrak.com in an effort to give employers and LSC students an opportunity to connect with each other. In April, LSC Career



President Moore speaks with attendees at the internship employers thank you reception.

Services participated with Johnson State College in a Virtual Job Fair hosted by Monstertrak.com. The job fair allowed registered students to submit and post their resumes online for employers to find. Wacholder continues to use Monstertrak.com to post job and internship contact information for ments may have additional requirements. For LSC students.

Students may view these postings by logging on to www.Monstertrak.com and registering a user name. They can sort through a list of employers for on campus work study, jobs and internships. At the reception, Wacholder demonstrated how students can search online for employers and con-

tact them through Monstertrak.com.

In order to be eligible for an LSC internship, a student must have 2.0 grade point average with sophomore standing and have spent at least one semester at Lyndon State College. Some departmore information regarding internships or other assistance provided by Career Services, contact Linda Wacholder, Vail 318, 626-6441 or visit the LSC Career Services webpage.

Goldwater Scholarship for mathematics, natural science students

yndon Sate College students interested in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering are invited to apply to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Established by Congress in 1986, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in, and potential for, careers in mathematics, the natural

sciences, and engineering.

In April 2002, the foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2002-2003 academic year. In order to be considered for an award, students must be nominated by their institution. The deadline for receipt of all 2002 nominations is February 1, 2002.

The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$7500 per year. Junior scholarship recipients can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Senior scholarship

recipients are eligible for a maximum of one year of support.

To be eligible, a student must be a current fulltime sophomore or junior and must be pursuing baccalaureate degree, have a B average or equivalent, stand in the upper fourth of the class, and be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering.

Interested sophomores and juniors should contact Dr. Kevin Farrell, Vail 469, ext. 6248, by December 10, 2001.

VSC Chancellor Clarke addresses Lyndon State

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TSC Chancellor Robert Clarke has made it a priority during his term to hold information sessions at the state colleges once each semester and take questions and comments from faculty, staff and students. He visited LSC on Wednesday, November 7, 2001. This year, following the second round of rescissions in appropriations from the state of Vermont, funding of the state colleges was a focus of the discussion.

Referring to a one-page information sheet, Clarke noted that Vermont ranks last in the nation in percent of the state budget committed to higher education (3%). Yet Vermont,



VSC Chancellor Bob Clarke speaks to a group of about 50 faculty, staff and students at LSC on Wednesday, November 7, 2001.

where the VSC is the fifth largest employer, ranks first in total state revenues generated from higher education (4.3%).

A result of lagging state appropriations is that tuition at Vermont State Colleges is higher than those for in-state students in other states. 46% of Vermont students attending college in-state attend one of the Vermont State Colleges.

Clarke also spoke about progress being made by the VSC in other areas such as distance learning, academic program development and workforce education.

Cell towers raise health concerns

By Mary Beth Freeman

The issue of cell phone towers in Vermont has been cause for much debate lately, but the major point continues to be overlooked: this is a health and public safety issue, not an aesthetic one. While the industry is pushing to hide cellular base stations in church steeples, historic buildings and schools, there is an international effort to protect the public from ambient, low-level, non-ionizing radiation.

Last month, the United Kingdom Department of Health issued leaflets -- one covering base stations and one on mobile phones -- that advise a "precautionary approach." Parents are urged to limit mobile phone use by children age 16 and younger, and adults are advised to keep calls short and to purchase phones with relatively low specific absorption rate values. Dr. Gerald Hyland of the University of Warwick International Institute Biophysics states: "Children are particularly vulnerable because of the increased rate at which their cells divide (which makes them more susceptible to genetic damage) and their still developing nervous system -- the size of their heads and the thinness of their skulls causing them to absorb more radiation than do adults."

In Italy, residents can monitor radiation levels from cell phone towers via the Internet. Italian officials have banned schoolchildren from sports fields near towers and have students rotate classrooms to lessen exposures. Scottish officials proposed regulations to ban wireless transmitters from schools, hospitals and most public buildings. Recommendations from scientific conferences in Vienna and Salzburg include limiting exposure to radio frequency-microwave radiation and establishing uniform European exposure standards.

The U.S. standard of 580-1,000 microwatts of radiation per square centimeter for cellular phone frequencies compares to: Australia's 200, Poland's 10, Russia's 10, Italy's 10, China's 10, Toronto, Canada's 10, Salzburg, Austria's 0.1, and New Zealand's proposed 0.02. Ironically, there are two U.S. military research bases with a standard of 100 -- 10 times more protective than for the general public.

These protective standards are based on scientific research conducted throughout the world over the past 30 years. Results have shown DNA damage — a precursor to cancer, brain tumors from mobile phones, changes in calcium efflux, decreases in reproductive functions, learning disabilities, immune system suppression, sleep disturbance, depression, cardiovascular abnormalities, memory impairment, refractive eye problems, headaches, dizziness, skin rashes and more.

Congress passed the 1996 Telecommunications Act with a section prohibiting state and local governments from regulating cellular base stations based on health concerns. Also in 1996, all research funding on electromagnetic radiation was cut from the Environmental Protection Agency. Not surprisingly, in 1996 the industry spent \$39 million lobbying Congress.

There have been two telecommunications cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, one an argument that state and local governments have the jurisdiction to regulate radio frequency interference to business, institutional and medical equipment, and the other a challenge of the U.S. health standard and states' rights to regulate based on health concerns. Briefs from U.S. Sens. Patrick Leahy and James Jeffords and U.S. Rep. Bernie Sanders, along with state and federal legislators, planners and citizens from across the country were filed in support. Both cases raised the point that federal pre-emption of state and local regulations is a violation of the 10th Amendment of the Constitution -- states rights. The court has denied hearing both

Our society has come to rely on wireless technology without fully understanding its impact on public health and the environment. Unfortunately, unsightly towers on our hilltops are safer to communities than those hidden in church steeples. Ideally, the most prudent step would be to encourage the use of satellite technology.

Mary Beth Freeman is co-chairwoman of Citizens for the Appropriate Placement of Telecommunications Facilities based in Charlotte, and is co-founder and executive board member of the EMR Network, a national, nonprofit organization.

The hardest decision

By Matthew D. Jenness

We have all had those bad days, weeks, or months but when are they too much?

Over the summer I had to make one of the hardest decisions of my life, something sometimes hard to talk about. The story involves my friend, who I will call Jeff. After Jeff's girl-friend broke up with him, he suffered from depression and a breakdown. Though they had fought a lot, he could not imagine any other way to live. I had heard stories about him threatening to kill himself, but even after dealing with my own depression I thought it was a front.

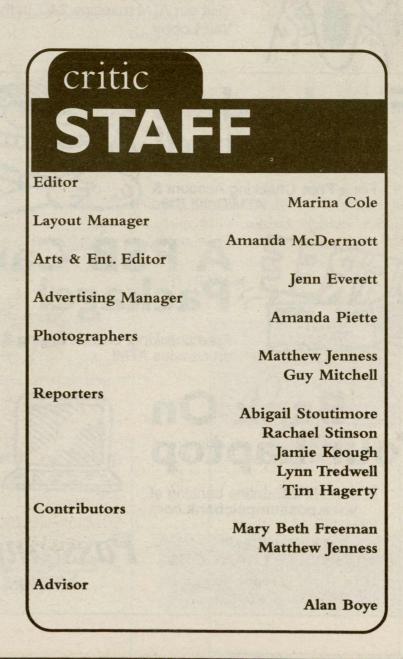
I did not realize the seriousness of the situation until one night when I was at his girlfriend's work, and Jeff came by to check on her. She got fed up with it and told him it was over. Jeff was mad because he thought he had thrown away his life for her. He also started talking about not having anything left. He had been having problems at home and saw nothing left in his life. I took him aside to talk to him, but his hurt slowly turned to hate. Jeff started to hit himself and anything he could. I had to sit and hold him, so he couldn't hurt himself or others.

I started to realize I could not help Jeff alone, but on the other hand I thought if I called the cops he would hate me forever. I finally made the decision and had someone call 911, the point of no return. In a matter of minutes, three cruisers showed up, but Jeff was totally unaware of his surroundings. I held on to him as I explained what was going on and finally an ambulance showed up. He ended up being in a hospital for a few days, and all I thought was that I ruined his life.

When Jeff got out I heard he wanted to see me, so although I was nervous I had him come over. When he got to my house he came and gave me a hug; he saw me as having saved his life.

The point of my story is that depression can happen to any one and you must step in before it is too late. I know if I did not step in, Jeff would have ended his life and that would hurt me more than any anger he could have had towards me

If you are ever in a similar situation, don't hesitate to call 911 if it is an emergency. If you want help, call the counseling and support services (x6440 on campus or 626-6440 off campus). The counselors, Sam Silverman, Penny Kimball, and Sarah Kresser, are available to talk about any problems, or if necessary they have medical staff available. They have a physician and a physician's assistant to prescribe medication if it is needed. Don't put it off when your health and happiness are on the line.



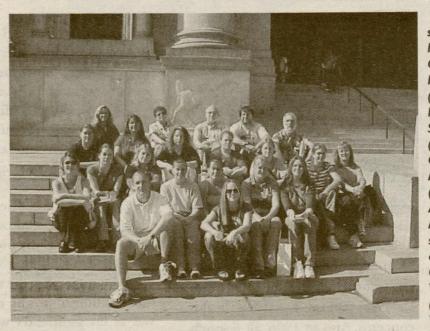
Psychology students visit New York City

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on October 4, just a little over two weeks after the September 11 terrorist attacks, fifteen Lyndon State College psychology students traveled to New York City with the goal of visiting Ellis Island to study the early uses of intelligence testing on immigrants to the United State. Since 1990, Ellis Island has offered museums and displays about the island's use as an immigration screening facility including the now-controversial testing that was performed on prospective immigrants at the site.

Because Ellis Island has been closed since September 11, the students made a virtual visit by means of a video, but visited the other New York sites such as the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The students also saw a performance of Aida.

An unintended benefit of the trip was the students' encounter with New Yorkers who passed through the Trade Center less than an hour before the attack, who could describe the scene in personal detail.

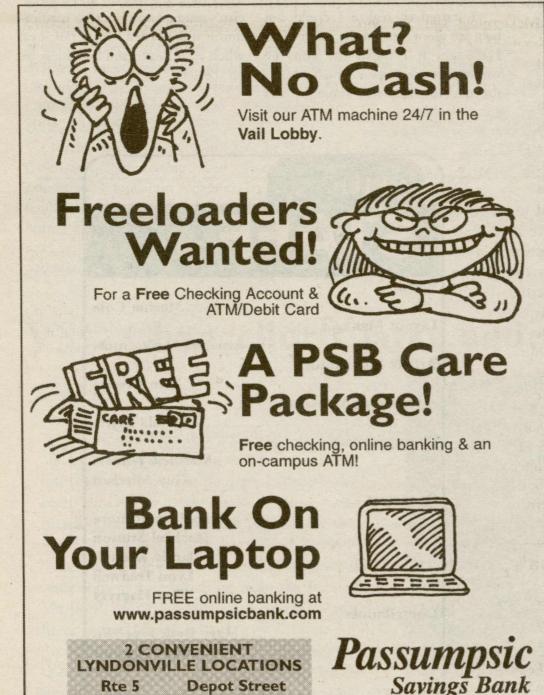


The class, Psychological Uses and Abuses of Intelligence Testing, is a historical exploration of psychological testing including its development and application. The mini-course is taught by Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Lori Werdenschlag.

Mini-courses at LSC are 1 or 2 credit courses in areas of special interest that last a half semester and are usually taken as electives. The mini-course mentioned here is offered every other year.

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LSC psychology students on the steps of the American Museum of Natural History. Front Christopher Millett (Bethel, ME), Kelley Tessier (Derby), Kristi Lavoie (Newport), Allison Benoit (Concord, N.H.), Ashley Golden (Leeds, Me.), Stefanie Williams (Waterford). Middle (I-r): Lisa McCrae (St. Johnsbury), Christen Amey (Lyndonville), Tawnya Moore (St. Johnsbury), Liza Lamore (Cabot), Kristie Roberts (Poultney), Wheelock (Waitsfield), Andrea Margaret Fitch (St. Johnsbury Academy student), Sherri Fitch (St. Johnsbury, chaperone). Rear (I-r): Melissa (Guildhall), Cunnington Werdenschlag, LeAnne Chagnon (Barton), Sandy Werdenschlag (Dr. Werdenshlag's mother and hostess of the group), Steve Werdenschlag (Dr. Werdenschlag's father), Tim Clark (Bethlehem, N.H.), Dr. Jon Fitch (LSC professor and chaperone).





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Graphic design lab more useful, comfortable after repairs and equipment upgrades

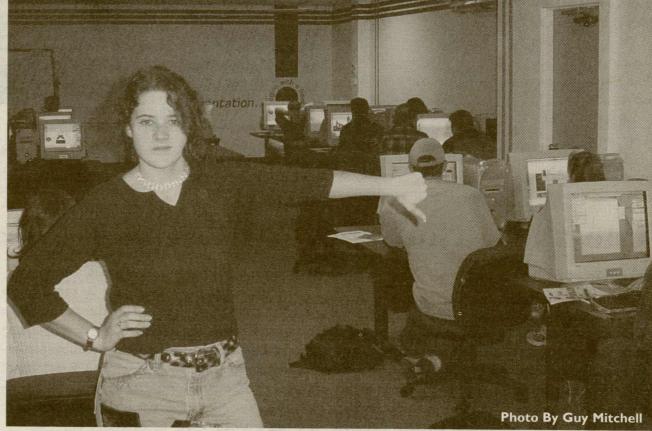
By Abigail Stoutimore

Conditions in the Graphic Design Lab at Lyndon State College may seem comfortable at present, but according to students of the major, these luxuries have not come without a long, trying wait.

Upon the start of the fall semester of 2001 at LSC, the situation in the lab was nearing towards unbearable. The heating system was completely useless; overheating the room to ridiculous temperatures as high as 88 degrees. Senior Graphic Design major Amanda McDermont stated that the room heated to a point where the door to the lab had to be kept open, which defeated the purpose of the \$5 door key each student had to purchase for security measures. According to McDermont, maintenance was called on several occasions with complaints of the extreme temperatures. Callers were simply pacified with the explanation that a specific part was needed to fix the machinery, and had not yet arrived.

In addition to the heating problems, there were only two existing printers in the lab: one broken down and the other an outdated model that produced poor quality results and was not a color printer, which students needed for specific assignments. It was stated that professors suggested the utilization of Kinko's for the completion of such work. However, the costs of such add up and, "we already pay a lot in lab fees," stated McDermont.

Lab fees are a costly expenditure for Graphic Design majors, averaging about \$50 per student. However, the costs do not end there. Due to the



Graphic design major Amanda McDermott gives the design lab a thumbs down.

theft of paper from the lab during the previous year, students are now required to buy their own paper, which costs roughly \$35-40 per package.

"If I had known the way it was going to be now, I never would have come to Lyndon... I just want to graduate," McDermont said. She also expressed concern about the lack of advisors in the major. There are currently two available advisors to Graphic Design majors, one of which is retiring after this year.

Tuesday, November 6, two new printers

were added to the lab, and one of the pre-existing models was fixed. The heating system was corrected as well.

The graphic design department is not the first at LSC to experience difficulty with the conditions in their department. The English department experienced a shortage of professors, which created a problem for remaining LSC employees who were concerned with the effects for students. The natural science department also experienced hardship, with a short staff and work overload.

Internships

Second semester is just around the corner. You may wish to consider an internship. Eligibility for an internship includes:

Sophomore standing with a 2.0 or better GPA Have had at least 1 semester of classes here Approval of your academic department

Career Services has more listings of internships. Please stop by Vail 318. Some recent notices include:

BURKE MOUNTAIN Activities and Events Internships (2 positions). Coordinate indoor and outdoor activities and events (i.e. puppet shows, movie nights, skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing,

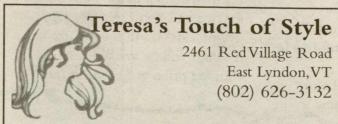
snowboarding, games). Report to Marketing Manager.

ROSIE O"DONNELL Show, spring internship deadline is NOVEMBER 1ST. Send resume to the address/fax number below and they will contact you. Full-time, non-paying internship. Internship Coordinator, c/o Rosie O'Donnell Show, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 800E. NY, NY 10112. Fax 215-506-3959.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFES-SIONAL SURPLUS LINES OFFICES (NAPS-LO), summer paid internship. Work in surplus lines industry and wholesale insurance marketing system. Require intern to be a junior, senior or graduate interested in insurance, business, finance. Make up to \$400/week plus housing and travel. Deadline February 1. Apply on-line at www.nap-slo.org

IHS JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS, June 8-Aug 16th, \$1500 stipend, 9 weeks working in a newsroom, travel expenses paid, housing allowance. Deadline Feb 15. Go to www.TheIHS.org





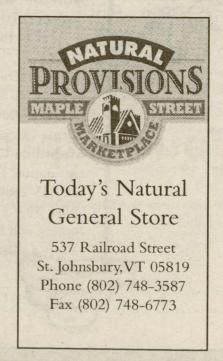
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Gyrating hips and wild music at Mid-Eastern dance show

By Jenn Everett

I was surrounded by flashing colors, gyrating hips, and wild music, but this was not a night at The Packing House. Instead, I was watching a Mid-Eastern dance show at St. Johnsbury Academy.

Many of the performers were from the New England area, including Louise Donan, Stewart Hoyt, Gina Caposella, and Talking Hips (Catherine Skove and Anne Adair). The main performer, Aszmara, traveled from New York to participate in this incredible dance show.

The costumes were breathtaking, and many performers used bells, coins, and hand symbols to add to the music they danced to. Alia Thabit, a part-time



Alia Thabit, seen here dancing in the dining hall, performed at the Mid-Eastern dance show in St. Johnsbury.

English teacher at Lyndon State College, used a brightly colored scarf to accent her beautiful red dress and employed the use of a cane for the end of her dance. After Thabit was finished, the audience was asked to come down onto the floor to dance with the performers. The final performer was Aszmara, who dazzled the crowd with her spectacular movements. At some points, she looked like she was walking on air. At the end of the performance, the audience was left with a sense of complete enjoyment and satisfaction.

Rather than paying for tickets, patrons were asked to donate money to various charities for relief from the September 11 attacks. We were then given raffle tickets in chance of winning one of four prizes. The main prizes were a dance costume donated by Anatolia Imports and two month-long dance lessons given by Thabit. The last prize was a CD of various Mid-Eastern musicians.

The show must go on: Twighlight Players to do one-act plays

By Lynn Tredwell

The Twilight Players, Lyndon State College's theatrical group, had planned to perform "Judevine" this semester. Michelle LaBerge, the Twilight Player's director was putting forth the time and effort to bring Judevine to stage when her day job hours were increased from 60 hours a week to 80 hours. Due to this increase, LaBerge could no longer be the director for the play so a

change in the production had to be made.

The Twilight Players will now be presenting a series of one-act plays under the direction of Dan Currier. The first one is called "The Competition Piece." It is about three different schools preparing for a one-act play. The process is shown of selecting, rehearsing, and getting ready with a little bit of variety added into it. The running time for this is a half-hour.

If you like "funny and fast paced," said James

Currier, senior recreation resource and adventure-based program management major and second year president of the Twilight Players, then check out "The 15 Minute Hamlet." Shakespeare's two-hour version of Hamlet is condensed into only a half-hour.

The final play, "Whose soul is it?," is being kept secret, so to find out more, attend the December 7, 8, and 9 shows in the Alexander Twilight Theater.

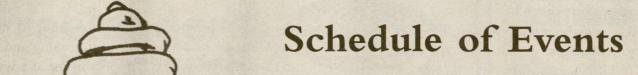
Local artwork on display in Quimby Gallery

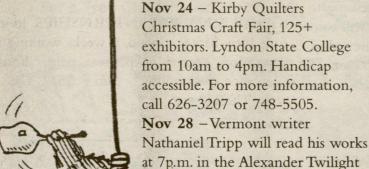
The Quimby Gallery in the Harvey Academic Center at Lyndon State College is the venue of an exhibition by Judith Salmon titled "Journeys Through Art." The show comprises paintings, graphic prints, drawings, and a collection of recyclia in which the humble brown paper bag is transformed into art objects.

Salmon had lived in St. Johnsbury, Vermont since 1999. She hails from Jamaica where she has had a long established career as a visual artist.

"Journeys Through Art" is her first solo exhibition in Vermont. Salmon brings the flavor of the Caribbean to her work and to the associations she has made in St. Johnsbury. As a member of the Catamount Group of Artists, she has taught art classes to adults and children and has participated in juried exhibitions in HAC. In June of 2000, her mixed-media painting was awarded first prize in the thematic show titled "Art with a Message – Social Commentary."

"Journeys Through Art" presents a wide range of visual expressions reflecting the artists responses to the natural environment and seasons and her exploration of cultural narratives. The public is invited to share these visual experiences at the Quimby Gallery, which is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibition will continue until December 7, but will be closed during Thanksgiving break.





Theatre.

Nov 29-Dec 2 – Maitri,
Meditation, and Psychological
Intervention. A public program at
Karme Choling Buddhist
Meditation Center, Barnet. Fee and
registration. For more information,
call 633-2384.

Nov 30 – Comedian Louis Ramey will be performing in the Stevens Dining Hall at 8pm. Don't miss it!

Nov 30 – Dartmouth College presents "Clara's Dream: A Jazz Nutcracker." 7pm in the Moore Theater, Hopkins Center. For tickets and more information, call (633)646-2422.

Nov 30-Dec 1 – First Annual Yule Craft Show at Mystic Moon Boutique, Depot Street, Lyndonville. Open 10am to 8pm. Crafts will include Yule ornaments for tree and home, jewelry, food, gowns/cloaks, and more. Tarot readings will be available at a discounted price of \$10. After the show, there will be an open circle ritual for Yule at 8pm.

Nov 30-Dec 6 – "Together," a comedy about a Stockholm hippie commune and all the people who live there. Playing at Catamount Arts. Free for LSC students with ID. For show-times and more information, call 748-2600.

Dec 1 – Alexis Antes and Devon will be performing in the Stevens Dining Hall at 8pm. Alexis Antes has toured with Sarah McLachlan, Paula Cole, and Sheryl Crow. Devon has performed with the Dave Matthews Band. This will be an incredible show so don't miss it.

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Christian band rocks Stevens Dining Hall

By Rachael Stinson

on Sunday, November 11, Christian rock group Silers Bald played in Stephen's Dining Hall at Lyndon State College. The South Carolina natives started playing together in their early twenties. They attended the University of South Carolina. With more than 11 members, Silers Bald has a wide variety of instruments and talent. With only four members present at LSC, Silers Bald certainly lacked no talent.

A welcoming setting, complete with stage lights, set the mood for this highly intense performance. The first song, "Four Good Reasons," was played and sung by only the two guitarists; lead vocalist Shane Williams and Warren Bazemore. The attention of the audience was quickly demanded and quickly received. Marcus Myers on the five string bass and Jason Jacobs on percussion joined in for the next song, "Famous." This tune was faster rock and much more upbeat.

Next, the band decided to give the audience a "tribute to simple musicians." Williams says that these are the bands that "get real famous for simple songs." A few examples that they played were: "Let her be" by Hootie and the Blowfish, "Summer of '69" by Bryan Adams, "Every Rose has its Thorn" by Poison, and "MmmBop" by Hanson.



Christain rock band Silers Bald played at the Stevens Dining Hall November 11.

After their convincing argument that their music was far more complex, Silers Bald resumed with their own originals. "Nothing Else Beside," they informed us, was based on the poem "Silence" by T.S. Eliot.

Nearing the end of their performance, the band toned down with a violin-enriched song about death called "Slow Me Down." Directly fol-

lowing was a song written about war. "Getting Back" was about losing fathers to Vietnam. Both of these songs were mesmerizing, to say the least.

Silers Bald will hopefully decide to come back and play for LSC again. If the show was missed, don't let it happen again. It was an overall awesome performance.

Vermont writer Nathaniel Tripp to read at LSC

Writer Nathaniel Tripp will give a reading from his works Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. in Alexander Twilight Theatre at Lyndon State College.

Tripp's most recent book, Father Soldier Son was a National Book Award Finalist, a Book-of-the-Month Club "Discovery" and a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. The Washington Post said of the book, "not since Michael Herr's Dispatches has there been anything quite as vivid, gripping and soul-searching." The Boston Globe claimed that the book "...will stand as one of the finest soldier memoirs of the Vietnam war."

The first duty of an infantry officer is the care of his men, but Tripp grew up fatherless in a house

run by women. He arrived in Vietnam as a just-promoted second lieutenant in the summer of 1968 with no memory of a man's example to guide and sustain him. The father missing from Tripp's life had gone off to war as well; in the Navy in World War II, the terrors were too much for him: he disgraced himself, and after the war ended he could not bring himself to return to his wife and young son.

Tripp's men were often in combat in the jungles along Highway 13 during the bloodiest year of the war, but it was responsibility, not the enemy, that Tripp feared most. How Tripp learned to face both, to become the father he had barely known, to support and sustain the men in his

care, are the subjects of this engrossing memoir of one man's year in America's longest, saddest war.

In addition to Father Soldier Son, Tripp has written a number of children's books. His most recent, Thunderstorm!, is an evocative tale of the large and small changes that take place in the atmosphere when the weather changes.

Tripp has also written and produced television projects about science, nature, and technology. Tripp, who was born in New York City, now lives with his wife in northern Vermont.

Tripp has been described as producing "some of the best prose this side of Tim O'Brien or Tobias Wolff."

The reading is free and open to the pubic. For more information call 626-6344.

Alexis Antes to sing and strum on campus

A lexis Antes doesn't want to get famous too fast. Instead, she wants to take her time and gain fame the old fashioned way: developing her show skills and increasing her fan base.

Alexis has already toured on the Lilith Fair, singing with such legends as Paula Cole, Sarah McLachlan, Bonnie Raitt, Dan Fogelberg, and Sheryl Crow. She has played in venues ranging from coffeehouses to college campuses, the Nautica Stage to the 1999 Cleveland Scene Music Awards. She has even been accepted into the Indiegrirl National Performing Member Roster. She has recently come out with her debut album, "Stronger," which has stuck an emotional chord with many of her fans.

Alexis has been playing and listening to music her entire life. She owes a lot of her musical talent



Alexis Antes will perform with Devon in the dining hall December 1.

to her mother, folk singer Bobby Antes. Under her mother's guidance, Alexis taught herself to play the guitar by age twelve and by age eighteen had formed a band with two other girls called Odd Girl Out. OGO performed on the radio, television, and to sold-out shows for five years before splitting up to go their separate ways. Alexis has used this breakup as material for her songs on "Stronger," singing about disillusionment, heartache, and some serious soul-searching.

Alexis Antes will be performing with another up-and-coming star, Devon, December 1 at 8pm in the Stevens Dining Hall. This is guaranteed to be the last time that an LSC student will see her without paying for concert tickets, so don't miss this opportunity.

VSC student newspapers unite in an associated press

There is something new in your campus newspaper. The papers of Lyndon, Johnson, and Castleton State Colleges are now working together to share articles of interest to the VSC community as a whole.

Tim Breault, Editor of Johnson's paper, Basement Medicine, began the project last semester by judging the interest of the other two colleges in participating in such an exchange. The story swap now in progress will be a regular feature of all three college newspapers.

The new VSC AP will allow The Critic, Basement Medicine, and Castleton's Cairn to keep students informed of events, opportunities, and opinions not just in their respective colleges but also within the Vermont State College system.

VSC SA elects officers

By Dave Crossman Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

The Vermont State Colleges Student Association (VSC SA) held its second meeting of the year on Saturday, October 27, at the Community College of Vermont offices in Montpelier.

VSC Chancellor Robert Clarke previewed a presentation he will be giving on all campuses, as well as before the legislature.VSC SA officers were also elected and priorities set for the upcoming year.

JSC SA president Rob Heim was elected VSC SA president, while Mary Theoret of CCV/St. Albans was elected Vice President. Jim Vayo of Vermont Technical College was elected treasurer and Erin Martin of Castleton State College was elected secretary.

Topping the list of priorities for the coming year was, once again, funding of the VSC. In his presentation, Clarke emphasized the growing role of the VSC in higher education. According to Clarke, many people don't realize the VSC is the sixth largest private employer in the state. The system also serves the greatest percentage of Vermont students in higher education. He also emphasized that in terms of revenue, Vermont is the only state in the nation in which more revenue is generated by higher education (4.3 percent) for the state than is received in funding (3 percent).

Alcohol and drug abuse was another priority for the VSC SA, as the system has received a \$150,000 grant to develop pilot programs to address use on campus. Matt Meyers, a consult-

ant to the VSC for the grant, spoke to the group about the effects of drug and alcohol use on academics and other areas, including retention of students in a system where tuition accounts for a large percentage of the overall funding.

Other areas the group will address this year include campus employment and work study money. The VSC SA will look into the reliance on federal work study money for filling positions at each campus and the effect that has on student services. The VSC SA also plans on opening discussion of student activities fees, their uses and the legal questions that have arisen throughout the nation. The next meeting of the VSC SA will take place on Saturday, November 17 at Castleton State College. All meetings are open to the public.

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according to Officer Eric Dodge.

JSC President Barbara Murphy and Chesbrough decided to keep the Dewey campus center open 24 hours for those students affected by the evacuation.

"Some people probably felt that he (Fon Eisen) is innocent until proven guilty, but my sense is that there are certain levels of early indication and certain kinds of potentially violent behavior," said Chesbrough. "And it's my duty to respond in the best way possible.

JSC freshman Mark Martell, who used to be friends with Fon Eisen at Lamoille Union High School, was shocked when he heard the news.

"I never thought he would do something like that," Martell said. "He was always a pretty quite kid."

Chesbrough is currently developing ideas for communal discussion in light, also, of the recent assault of a JSC student on campus.

"There's not a sense of safety in the world

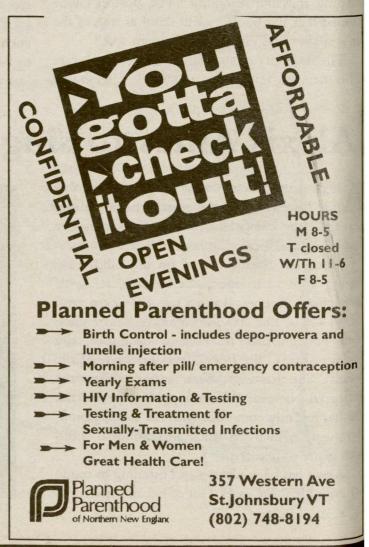
right now," Chesbrough said. "And I think when that's in the air and you have a couple of backto-back local incidents that feel threatening; it is part of our responsibility to start a dialogue."

Kathy Noyes, who lives at the bottom of French Hill, was unable to return home that night because of the evacuation.

"Nothing like this has ever happened here. It's kinda scary...it's very close to home," Noyes said.

Congratulations to the LSC cross country team for their first place win at the regionals!





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New student housing planned just off campus

By Dana Amey

Stephan White, a 1989 graduate of Lyndon State College and president of Paragon Environmental & Engineering in Norwood, Massachusetts, has plans to build eight buildings, at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million, to ease the ever-increasing housing crunch here at LSC.

Enrollment at LSC is rising, and available housing is becoming scarce. According to Coordinator of Public Information Susan Gallagher, the total enrollment for this year is 1247, up from 1180 last year and 1155 the year before. As this trend continues, the number of students is fast outgrowing the number of dorm noms.

At the beginning of the 2001-2002 academic year, ten incoming students lived for the first week in temporary housing. Six lived in Collison Cottage, a building adjacent to the Matthewson House and also owned by Lyndon Institute, and the remaining four were housed in the Lynburke Motel. Assistant Director of Student Affairs lonathon Davis said these students were assigned dorm rooms by the end of the first week of orientation, before school had started.

Davis said numbers are up from past years; in 2000-2001, while temporary housing was secured in case it was needed and remained available until the first day of classes, it was not used.

Housing at LSC might be even tighter next

year, as LSC may lose the Matthewson House, which it has traditionally rented from LI. Assistant Director of Campus Life Judy Raper said that while the fate of the Matthewson House is not sealed, it is "highly likely" that the college will lose it, as the lease is up.

The new buildings will go up in a 41 acre lot off Chocolate Moose Road, about 150 yards from campus. According to the Caledonian Record, White hopes to have the project completed next summer. White said the project will require the cutting of very few trees, and that the site was chosen so as to avoid obstructing views of the mountains

LSC President Carol Moore was quoted as saying LSC was "talking with him [White] quite seriously. . .but it is a bit premature to speculate," and also that the college would not be spending any money on the project.

Davis said the new buildings would not be dorms, but rather apartment buildings the college would lease and then rent exclusively to students. He emphasized that at this point nothing about the project is set in stone, and that the permitting process for the buildings is still in progress, but also that the buildings "could certainly help us capacity-wise in the future."

There will be future meetings with the student government and other student groups, according to Davis, regarding the students that could possibly be housed in the new buildings. He mentioned the possibility of reserving some space for non-traditional students and/or families.

The building project will be handled by Crossbill Limited Partnership, of which White is the president, but all planning and construction contracts for the project have been awarded to local businesses.



A forty-one acre lot just off campus, across from the Fold family property, will be developed into eight apartment buildings for student use.

Boycott is successful

Green Mountain Coffee returns

By Jamie Keough

As a result of a petition that circulated throughout the Lyndon State College campus before Thanksgiving break, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters coffee will once again be provided to LSC students through Aramark. According to Bill Lacy, Aramark manager, GMCR will be sold side by side with Java City coffee. Both brands will be available for the same price. A small 12 ounce coffee is \$1, a medium 16 ounce cup costs \$1.10, and a large 20 ounce coffee is \$1.25.

On October 23, the GMCR Buzzmobile stationed itself in Vail parking lot. Along with it came free coffee in free mugs, and a petition was present for students to sign. Marc Tamiso and other students created the petition to boycott Java City coffee and Aramark in order to bring back the more favorable coffee from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. At the end of the summer Aramark changed to Java City, a decision made at the corporate level.

Aramark received the intended message from the numerous signed petitions. The demand to have Green Mountain Coffee back has been answered. GMCR can be found at the snackbar.

Caledonian-Record suing college for information

By Abigail Stoutimore

The Northeastern Vermont and New Hampshire newspaper, The Caledonian-Record, is currently suing the Vermont State Colleges for not allowing public access to the disciplinary hearings that take place within the school system.

According to Eli Dickson, Editor of the Caledonian-Record, the discrepancy between the schools and the newspaper began when several under-aged students were arrested for the consumption of alcohol at Lyndon State College. The newspaper wanted access to the hearings of the individuals, but the school would not allow it, as it is school policy to keep all hearings private within the institution.

The Caledonian-Record reported in February that "the public has a right to know

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The Caledonian-Record is suing LSC to have disciplinary hearings open to the press.

Preparing for your final exams the right way

By Lynn Tredwell

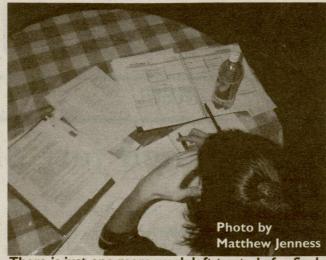
That is right: exam time is here once again. It ▲ is time to start studying everyday until the exam. According to Debra Bailin, Director of Student Academic Development, "People who feel that they are really in academic distress should come to Vail 325 and ask to see one of the academic counselors. We are very helpful, non judgmental, and they will feed you."

Below are studying tips for exam time and any other test time:

- 1. Start studying now (the week before finals start).
- 2. Don't wait until the night before when you are comfy in bed with your book open.
- 3. Study in a group (not more than 3 people).
- 4. Compare your lecture notes to your textbook

If you are in need of help, you can go to

Academic Support or the professor of the course in which you need help. The Math Lab is open for



There is just one more week left to study for final

anyone who would like assistance with mathe matics, and there is also the Writing Center (espe cially helpful if it is a take home exam you at studying for).

Where can you find a quiet place to study Try the library, the lounge on the fourth floor Vail, or any empty classroom. The dining hall another option.

Sometimes students do not realize that if the are not eating right or sleeping enough, they wi get sick easier, and it will affect their ability study and perform well on their exams. Stop b Academic Support for some handouts about te taking tips, including a Method for Thorough an Efficient Study sheet, a Stress Fact Sheet, and How to Cope with Exams and Exam Anxiet sheet.

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what happens in cases of students accused of crimes especially violent or sexual ones."

Another similar incident occurred in February 2001, when LSC postponed the hearing of Jacob Fortes, then a sophomore at the college. LSC had disciplined the student for creating the web site "Lyndon State Sucks." However, Fortes still was to face another hearing, as LSC had also accused him of attempting to hack into one of the computer servers at LSC.

Fortes denied the accusations and invited

the press to witness his hearing on the hacking hearings at the college will remain private charge. "In his writing," stated the Caledonian-Record, "he waived any claims he might have to privacy." However LSC refused to allow the press to be present at the hearing, and so the college postponed the hearing until the issue could be settled.

Though Dickson did speak briefly about the lawsuit involving the VSC, she was not able to divulge information as to the court proceedings since the case is under litigation.

LSC still maintains that all disciplinary

within the institution and no press will be allowed to intervene with the proceedings, as President Carol A. Moore stated in a letter to students concerning the recent hearing of Nick Ledoux for an internet violation.

"Let me reassure you that the college will continue to uphold its policy of neither divulging the name of any student," stated Moore in the letter, "nor releasing any records that would link a student to a violation."

Winter warning for parking and snow removal

With the advent of winter weather, it is nec-V essary to ensure better order to parking, so that we can have proper snow removal on campus. Therefore, effective December 3, 2001, and for the remainder of the academic year, we will administer the following parking regulations:

All cars on campus must be registered with the Security Office. Registration forms and parking stickers are available at the Security Office.

The Wheelock parking lot will be for the use of Wheelock residents only. Anyone without an orange sticker will be ticketed. Once all designated parking spots in Wheelock are full, Wheelock residents will be required to park in the Stonehenge lot.

The faculty/staff parking lot on the north side of Vail will be for faculty and staff only (blue and gold stickers). There is parking in the north end of the lot for commuters.

The Vail parking lot is for commuting students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Residence hall students shall not park in the Vail parking lot. Anyone with a purple or orange parking sticker who parks in the Vail parking lot will be ticketed. No parking will be allowed on roadways or other prohibited areas, as this will hinder the plowing and removal of snow.

The parking area behind Stevens Dining Hall is for ARAMARK staff, library staff, and faculty only. It's difficult--and sometimes impossible--for trucks to deliver to ARAMARK when vehicles are parked in the roadway.

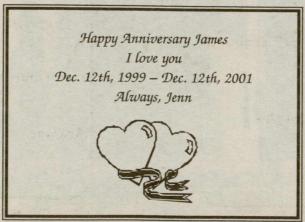
There are parking spots available in the back side of the Stonehenge parking lot. We encourage students to use this space; it would be safer and vehicles wouldn't be ticketed or towed.

Oftentimes in snowy weather, we can't see the lines in the parking lot, and we lose a large number of spaces from people not parking close enough. Please keep this in mind and park reasonably close.

As always, anyone who parks illegally in handicapped parking place or in the fire land will be ticketed or towed.

A security worker will be monitoring the parking lots during the busier times of the day to help people locate available parking and to enforce these regulations. Everyone have a safe and warm winter.







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Speaking out

A housing opportunity

What an opportunity! A former student of Lyndon State College is currently planning the construction of eight apartment buildings just off campus to relieve the housing crunch. While the development of the forty acres across from the Fold family house will do doubt alter the area, it offers all those involved a chance to affect that alteration. Now it is just up to us.

Will we see apartments that cater to non-traditional students and their families? We might if we show a need and an interest.

Might we convince the proper people that one apartment should be powered by

alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power? It is possible we could have our own version of Goddard College's ecodorm, complete with composting toilets and solar-heated showers, if we prove the feasibility and rentability of the project.

Because the construction is still in the planning stages, the LSC community has a perfect opportunity to make suggestions and propose ideas. It is students, especially the lower classes, who will be affected most since they will have the chance to live in these new buildings. Let's have a voice in making them homes we will enjoy living in.

Upward Bound collecting toys for the holidays

To the Editor:

The Upward Bound program here at LSC will once again be leading the Santa Fund and Hand to Hand drives on the LSC campus. This worthy cause collects and distributes toys and a full holiday dinner to folks in Caledonia County. Over the past few years, Upward Bound students and LSC students and staff have donated over \$2000 and many, many toys to these worthy causes.

This year, the Santa Fund will only be collecting new toys. This is a change from previous years. We

encourage all members of the LSC community to contribute as much as they can at this time of year. In addition, we will be collecting all cassette tapes and CD's that may be collecting dust in your home or room. We will make sure they all find a good home for the holidays.

Sincerely, Bob McCabe Director, Upward Bound

Hornets' Nest Snack Bar prices outrageous

To the Editor:

am writting this letter because I am Loutraged by the prices of beverages in the snack bar. I was working on The Critic and wanted to get something to drink. A pint size box of milk is what I wanted. But when I got up there, they claimed they were all out and they were also conveniently out of their pint size orange juice. But I was informed by one of their workers that they did have orange juice in the 16 oz bottles, which I don't like because of its spoiled taste. When I looked over their cooler to see if they had anything I would want, I noticed their prices were outragious. I would never pay \$1.45 for a bottle of vita-

main depletedwater with some juice flavering. I couldn't even see myself buying a bottle of water for \$1.25.

I ended up not getting anything at all, except flustered about the prices.

If this is a students snack bar I would think they would be more accommodating to a student's budget. But I guess they are more interested in turning a profit at our expense.

Sincerely, Amanda McDermott

Everyone reads The Critic. Do you?

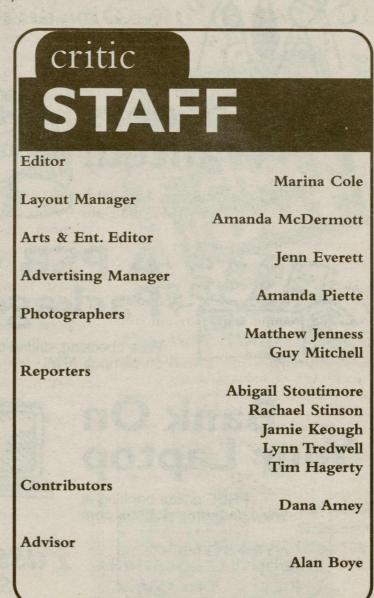


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English professor publishes novel

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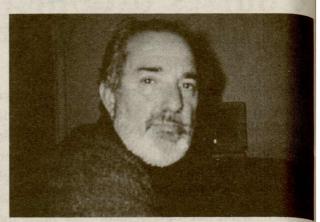
Jack Pulaski of Marshfield, a part-time professor of English at Lyndon State College, has published a new novel titled *Courting Laura Providencia* (Zephyr Press, Brookline, Mass.). Pulaski, who teaches Technical Writing and Introduction to Literature, has been a member of the LSC faculty since 1982.

Writing in the *New York Times*, reviewer Jeff Wagoner called the book "smart and sure-footed." Amazon.com says the book is "an homage both to the art and form of the novel, and to this

American life and the passions that so often power it."

The novel tells the story of two immigrants from conflicting backgrounds, who fall in love and marry, following their lives from New York to Vermont through the 1960s.

Pulaski grew up in the Williamsburg section of New York. He previously published *The Saint Veronica Gig Stories* (Zephyr, 1986) and a number of stories that appeared in *The Iowa Review*, *Ohio Review*, *Ploughshares*, *MSS.*, *The New England Review* and *Tikkun*. Pulaski's work has also been



included in three anthologies: The Pushcart Prize I, The Ploughshares Reader and The Longwood Introduction to Fiction. He is the recipient of a fiction award from the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines.

College students invited to enter Christopher Video Contest: \$6500 in prizes and airtime on TV series

Attention all college campuses! The Christophers have announced their Fifteenth Annual Video Contest for College Students. The contest includes cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 for the top three entries and five honorable mention prizes of \$100 each. The top winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program Christopher Closeup that is broadcast on over 100 outlets throughout the United States and in more than 150 foreign countries via the Armed Forces Network.

To enter, students must interpret the theme,

"One Person Can Make a Difference." Past winners have used a variety of styles and genres that have included drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation.

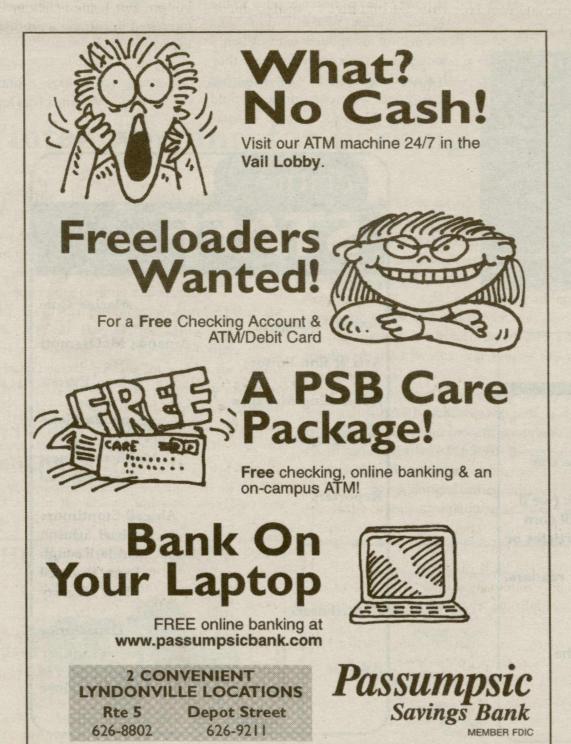
Msgr. Jim Lisante, Director of The Christophers, announced this year's competition, saying, "In these troubled times, it's important to listen to and encourage the idealism and enthusiasm of these students. More than ever, the world will be shaped by their positive and creative vision."

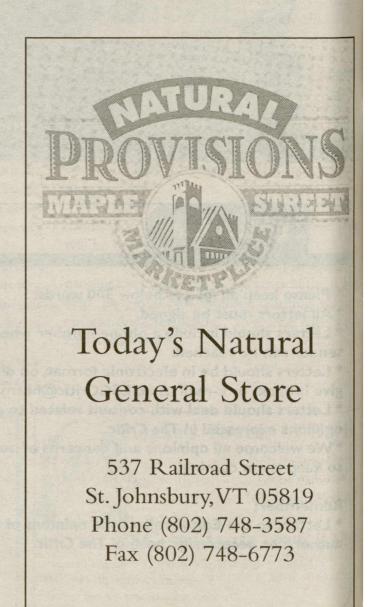
Entries may be created using film or video,

but must be submitted on standard, full-sized VHS tape only, and must be five minutes or less in length. The contest is open to all currently enrolled college students, on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Students may enter more than once, but an official entry form must accompany each video. The deadline for entries is June 14, 2002.

Official entry forms are available by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, by calling (212) 759-4050, or by visiting www.christophers.org/contests.html on the web.

The Christophers, a non-profit organization founded in 1945, uses print and electronic media to encourage all individuals to raise the standards of public life. The Christopher motto is: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."





Courses dropped for spring semester at JSC

By Scott David Monroe
Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

A mid low full-time student enrollment and budget severity, Johnson State College is reducing its course offerings for the spring semester according to Judy Wilder, JSC Academic Dean and Dean of Institutional Advancement.

Finalized figures from the Dean's office indicate courses dropped from next semester are 16, six of which are from the Education and Psychology department. Courses dropped in Education include Child Development, Adolescent Development and Learning Theory in Education, while Psychology lost an introductory class, The Helping Relationship and a topical seminar. Also, Political Science discontinued Environmental Ethics/ Politics and Vermont History/ Government. Other academic departments, which include Outdoor Education, History, Foreign Language, Art History and English, reduced their offerings by one or two courses.

Compared to this semester's offerings, the total number of courses is actually 27 fewer, with

390 for fall and 363 in spring. According to Wilder, this statistic is due to the normal cutback in courses for the spring semester.

Wilder believes that the reduction in courses is due to the statewide appropriations recission, which forces JSC to return \$60,000 to Montpelier by June 30, 2002. It is unfortunate that JSC had to respond to the recission by reducing courses, Wilder said, signifying also that she wanted to thank the respective academic departments three-fold for their contribution and cooperation.

"I asked the departments to carefully contemplate any adjustments they could make, not only keeping in mind the fiscal situation but the current enrollment of our first year students," said Wilder.

Wilder says that the departments looked at courses with multiple sections, particularly those on the introductory level, that could be reduced in order to also accommodate the fewer number of freshmen on campus. Although some courses were dropped, departments are offering nine additional courses in the spring, which include

Genetics, Counseling Field Work, Literary Journalism, Calculus III, Ice Climbing and senior seminars in Contemporary Art and Environmental Science.

According to the Dean's figures, some courses were not dropped, but rather changed. For instance, TAD210b and 410b were moved into the music department and ENG206a became a writing intensive course. Such alterations are examples of the department chair's decisions to continually offer quality programs in light of fiscal austerity, said Wilder.

Wilder believes that the course reductions were well balanced and few considering what could have happened if Montpelier implemented a higher VSC contribution to the recission. JSC president Barbara Murphy will continue to work with the academic departments in giving students the best possible options during these times of uncomfortable budgetary decisions, according to Wilder.

"I know Barbara [Murphy] is incredibly sensitive about prioritizing course offerings for our students," Wilder said.

Environmental summit highlights areas of concern

By Mandy Mazerolle Courtesy VSC AP, Castleton

A young girl was given a piece of grape candy for her good behavior. Upon consumption she began to have an allergic reaction; her throat swelled and she was unable to breathe. When the hospital was clueless as to which "artificial ingredient" made her ill, the parents of the child went after the candy company for the answer. The company refused to release the ingredient which led to lawsuits after lawsuits. The courts finally ordered the company to release the information so the child would not suffer another allergic attack. The ingredient: a pesticide used on golf courses to keep the geese off.

-- Janet Niver

Information like this can make people think twice about their surroundings. Issues such as this one were discussed in Waltham, Massachusetts at the Second Annual Campus Environmental Student Summit of New England.

On November 9 and 10, over 150 students from New England attended the Summit at Brandeis University, which allowed students to network their ideas to publicize issues such as genetically modified foods (GMF's), climate change and energy policy, and environmental sustainability on campuses.

There were nearly two dozen workshops offered to sharpen the students' communication of environmental issues, and strategies for creating change included accounts of area-wide success stories. Speakers with various environmental and political credentials painted pictures in our minds of what could happen to our environment if we don't make the change for a greener society.

Charlene Garland, director for Clean Air-Cool Planet explained how a global warming of 6-10 degrees Fahrenheit could change a Boston climate into a Virginia climate within the next

century. Air quality will worsen and human health risks will increase significantly, including more cases of Lyme Disease and West Nile virus. Garland later emphasized the importance of taking action.

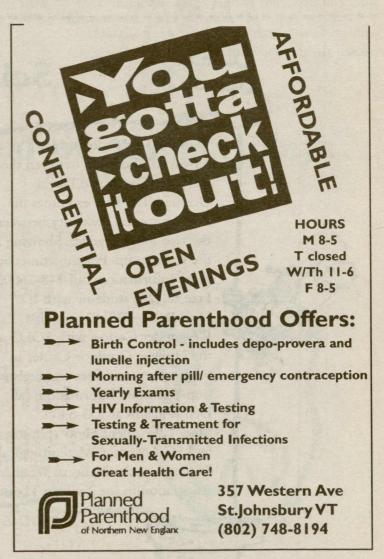
In a 1999 study conducted by Garland and colleague Adam Wilson at the University of New Hampshire, nearly 80 percent of students claimed to have left their computers on in any given 24-hour period. After contests were held to see which dorm could conserve the most energy, the dorms together cut emissions by over 50 percent. The combined efforts to turn off a computer, light switch, television or stereo made a dramatic difference. Now just imagine what carpooling could do.

Another highlighted campaign topic about health and environmental importance was on PCB's in the Hudson River. Since the 1940's, over one million pounds of PCB's have been discharged into the river, largely from General Electric. PCB's are a combination of chemicals that have been proven to increase human health risks of melanoma, cancers of the liver, gall bladder, gastrointestinal, brain, and breast. Fish and wildlife in the area have absorbed these chemicals in their fat, making these animals inedible. Fortunately, PCB discharge has declined, but only minimally, due to GE's (unwanted) compliance with the Clean Water Act of 1972.

Many organizations are available everywhere for people to get involved in. One thing that was drilled into everyone's minds at the conference is that it only

takes one drop to start a waterfall. If each individual were to do his or her own part and help protect and keep our environment clean, we will have dramatically made a difference in the well-being of all our lives.

For more information on these issues, check out these web sites: www.cleanair-coolplanet.org, www.sustainableUNH@unh.edu, www.green-e.org, www.energyforme.com, and www.uspirg.org.



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Harry Potter movie stays true to the book

By Dana Amey

The director of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Chris Columbus, had a difficult enough task in keeping the movie true to the book, and the ultimate challenge must have been in making a film that would live up to the imagined world of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the minds of tens of millions of children worldwide. I am pleased to say that, to my mind anyway, he has succeeded.

Sorcerer's Stone is a triumph! The plot is almost entirely intact, and almost exactly as J.K. Rowling wrote it, with a few exceptions—Hagrid's pet dragon story is shortened, as is the Dursley sequence at the beginning. Peeves the poltergeist is missing, and Nearly Headless Nick, the Bloody Baron and the rest of the ghosts are relegated to minor window dressing. The scar on Harry's forehead is on his right side, not in the middle, and for some odd reason the boys find their Christmas presents under the tree, as in America, not at the foot of their beds, as is the custom in England, and as it is written in the book.

But—the magic is pure magic. The special effects are effective without being ridiculous: the staircases in the castle move, the photographs are alive, and Professor McGonagall transforms from a

cat to a woman and back again. The real importance of all this is that it is somehow done without giving us the impression that we should be saying "Wow! A moving staircase!" Instead, we feel at home at Hogwarts, where the school sport is played on broomsticks, the classes have names like "Potions" and "Defense Against the Dark Arts," and the ceilings are bewitched to look like the night sky.

The scenery is beautiful—the various Hogwarts scenes were filmed at Durham and Gloucester Cathedrals, Lacock Abbey and Alnwick Castle, which accounts for the authentic look and feel of the school. The authenticity is not limited to the scenery, which was created by Oscar-winning production designer of Gandhi and The English Patient Stuart Craig. It must be nearly impossible to create authentic-looking mountain trolls and three-headed dogs, given the nature of the beasts—but Sorcerer's Stone is a hit in this department too. Details as small as the pool of unicorn blood are given the care necessary to keep us always within the wizarding world, rather than outside it admiring the special effects.

Best of all, the children look like ordinary (or ordinary wizarding) British schoolchildren, not

like little models. Daniel Radcliff (Harry) has appeared as David Copperfield in the BBC production, but neither Rupert Grint (Ron) nor Emma Watson (Hermione) have any previous screen credits. All three young stars perform magnificently and carry the film easily. Also appearing, but in roles smaller in varying degrees, are Maggie Smith (Professor McGonagall), Alan Rickman (Professor Snape), John Cleese (Nearly Headless Nick) and Julie Walters (Mrs. Weasly). In the upcoming sequel, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, Kenneth Branagh will make an appearance as Gilderoy Lockhart, the emptybut-swell-headed new professor.

Production on this sequel began on November 16, the day Sorcerer's Stone appeared in theatres, and the third installment, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, is being written as we speak by screenwriter Steve Kloves—with J.K. Rowling staying on as source writer, of course. According to the Daily Telegraph, it is safe to assume that there will be seven movies, one to go along with each of the seven books. If they all live up to the first one, I and millions of other Harry Potter fiends will continue to be satisfied.

If you think you look stupid, see this show

By Jenn Everett

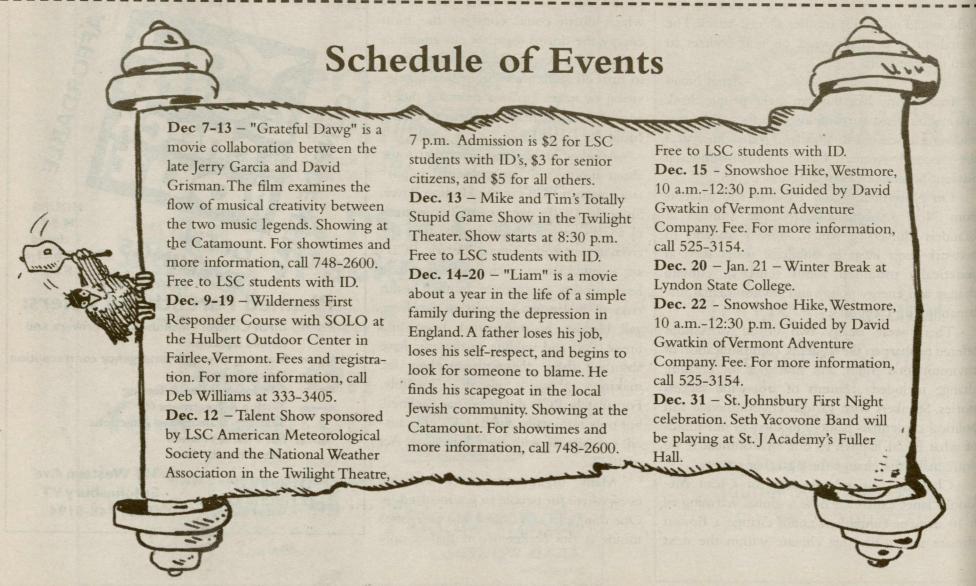
Mike and Tim's Totally Stupid Game Show will be coming to Lyndon State College on December 13. The show starts at 8:30 p.m., but you may wish to get there early because the Twilight Theater will be packed.

Brad Reeder and Joe Lower, who play Mike and Tim, have appeared on over 500 college cam-

puses and hundreds of comedy clubs in the U.S. Reeder has opened for big-time names such as Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld, Rosie O'Donnell, and Ellen DeGeneres. Reeder has also performed in Las Vegas at the Riviera and Four Queens, and in Atlantic City at the Trump Castle, to name a few. Lower has opened for Pauly Shore, the Vogues, and a can of peaches (all by himself!) He has also appeared in Bally's Casino in Missouri,

in America's Most Wanted, and in court for a speeding ticket. Between the two, they have appeared on Comedy Central, PBS – Midwest, and "Nightshift."

There is no way to describe this game show, so I urge LSC students to find out what all the stupidity is about for themselves. This show is a must-see event that will have people laughing for days.



Faces in the crowd: A profile of a unique LSC student

By Jenn Everett

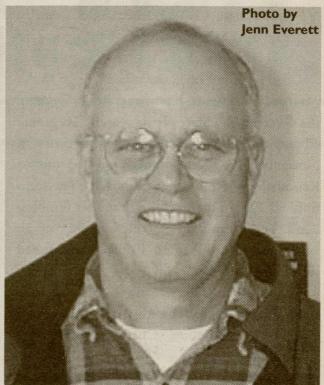
Have you ever looked at the people around you here at Lyndon State College and won-Tave you ever looked at the people around dered how they got here and what their lives are like? I do, so I interviewed one of the most interesting people I could find: Norm Johnson.

Johnson is a non-traditional student who is studying at LSC to get his degree in Human Services. He has one of the most amazing life stories I have ever heard. Johnson was born in Oregon but was brought up in such exotic locales as Japan, Guam, and El Salvador. His father worked overseas and that allowed Johnson to travel the world over at a young age. His family moved to Japan right after WWII. Johnson remembers going to kindergarten classes in an ammunition carrier surrounded by armed guards. After four years there, Johnson's family was given the opportunity to travel west around the world from Japan to Idaho, their "homebase" between moves. The next major move was to Taiwan for four years. "There was martial law the whole time we were there," Johnson recalls. "Sometimes there were tanks in the streets, but sometimes it was pretty

Guam was the next stop for his family, and Johnson remembers a devastating typhoon that hit a few years after they moved. The storm destroyed the island, causing his high school to work in double shifts, educating both military and civilian children. This arrangement caused racial issues to flare up and fights constantly broke out between the two groups. Johnson's father sent him to stay with relatives in California for a year. The next

year, Johnson's father was transferred to El Salvador for two years, where Johnson hit his prime as a teen. Because of racial tensions, Johnson was forced to learn Spanish because some of his friends, although fluent in English, would refuse to speak anything but Spanish outside of school. Johnson remembers seeing the country on the verge of exploding into war: "We could see it happening all around us. I could see that something bad was going to happen." Luckily, his family moved to back to Idaho before the civil wars began.

Johnson was sent to a boarding school in California for his last year of high school and went to college at the University of Wisconsin in the height of the sixties. When the Vietnam War was over, he got a job with the Forestry Service in Oregon for the next seven years, spending most of his time as a firefighter. He was training as a smokejumper when he blew his knee out, causing him to stop working for the Forestry Service. His next job was in construction, in a time when Oregon was exploding with people migrating from the big cities. He framed houses, roofed, ran machinery, and drove trucks. Johnson eventually got a job working for a beer distributor, "every man's dream job." However, after watching some his friends drink themselves to death, Johnson decided it was time for a change. He married his girlfriend, Kay, and moved to Vermont when she was, he told me that his wife, Kay, has been his got a job offer she couldn't refuse. Johnson started inspiration and biggest influence. Many of going to LSC two years after he moved here as a Johnson's friends had literally destroyed thempart-time student, while volunteering and helping selves with drugs and alcohol and he was heading his wife with her job. He plans on graduating in down the same path. However, Kay turned his life 2004 and becoming a therapist.



Norm Johnson, a human services major, credits his life to his wife, Kay.

When I asked him what his biggest influence around. "She saved my life. I would not be here if it weren't for her. I basically owe her my life."

All things must pass: Fab Four down to a duo

By Marina Cole

Teorge Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died at The age of 58 on November 29 at the home of a friend in Los Angeles. Harrison had been battling lung cancer, which he attributed to smoking.

Born on February 25, 1943, Harrison was the youngest Beatle. Beside playing lead guitar for

what was arguably the all-time greatest band ever, Harrison later went on to a solo career. In the late 80's, he formed the Traveling Wilburys with Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, and Jeff Lynn. Silly songs like "Wilbury Twist" showed Harrison's sense of humor. Harrison's most famous Beatles songs include "Here Comes the Sun" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." Family members released a statement that said Harrison died without fear, believing, "Everything else can wait, but the search for God cannot wait" and we must "love one another."

Harrison's ashes have been spread in the Ganges River, a Hindu ritual believed to release the soul from the body.

The Twilight Players cancel festival of one act plays



By Jenn Everett **Twilight Players Secretary**

The Twilight Players regretfully announce that The Festival of One Acts previously scheduled for December 6, 7, and 8 will be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. They apologize for any inconveniences. Please keep an eye out for signs announcing auditions for next semester's musical.



LSC Cross-country team makes it to the Nationals

By Tim Hagerty

Lyndon State College's men's cross-country team had a banner season. Starting out in the blistering heat at the beginning of the season, there was just one goal at hand; to go to the National Championship meet. After winning the Vermont State title and Regional Championship, the Hornets did just that. On November 17, seven runners traveled out to Kenosha, Wisconsin to represent LSC. The team finished 20th in the nation, a year after finishing 22nd. This proved to be the highest that an NAIA team from Region 10 had ever finished in the competition.

Leading the Hornets all season long was senior Randy Feeley. The All-American finished 23rd at the National Championship meet. "Being an All-American is something I have dreamed of since I was a senior in high school," he explains. In addition to that prestigious title, Feeley's season earned him a spot in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of Sports Illustrated magazine.

The Hornets had four strong freshman runners, which will make up for four runners that are graduating in May. In addition to them, the outlook for incoming freshman is quite bright as well. The future is promising for Lyndon State cross-country. Hopefully in 2002 they can make their third consecutive trip to the National Championship meet.



A pitcher's perfection: no-hitters a rarity in baseball

By Tim Hagerty

267. That is the amount of no-hitters that have 2 ever been thrown in Major League Baseball. Each team plays over 160 games per season. Major League Baseball has been around since 1875. Hundreds of thousands of games, played by hundreds of thousands of players, and only 267 times has there been a no-hitter. You do the math; it's pretty rare.

A no-hitter cannot be predicted. They are spontaneous versions of baseball history. Fans would figure out when Joe DiMaggio would hit in his 56th straight game. Experts had their theories on when Barry Bonds would break the home run record. This type of calculating is not an option for no-hitters. A no-hitter is no more likely to occur on a night game than it is on a day game. Don Larson threw a perfect game in the World Series, sixteen years after Bob Feller threw a no-hitter on the Opening Day of the 1940 season. Johnny Vander Meer threw them on two consecutive starts. It happens to mediocre pitchers just as often as it does to star hurlers. For example, Bill Stoneham has thrown two, while six-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens has never even come close.

Even the pitcher himself is caught by surprise. "It really was just like any other start. I was warming up and I didn't feel any better or any worse than any other day," says Bud Smith, the most recent pitcher to throw a no-hitter. Smith was pitching for just the 11th time in his career when he and his St. Louis Cardinals no-hit the San Diego Padres.

At times pitchers even feel worse than usual and then go on to not allow a hit. "The funny thing is I walked into the dugout, and I usually don't talk to anybody. I sat next to Kevin Tapani and I said, 'man, if I get through three innings today it would be a miracle,'" says Scott Erickson, who no-hit the Milwaukee Brewers that day in 1994 as a member of the Minnesota Twins. Clearly, pre-game habits are not always an indication of how pitchers are going to perform. "It was

one of those days that before the game I didn't feel like anything was working," Erickson says.

No-hitters bring out the most extreme superstitions baseball has to offer. Once an attempted no-hitter enters the late stages of the game, pitchers are isolated on their own section of the bench. Nobody talks to them, fearing the no-hitter will get jinxed. "It was kind of funny, because I could hear everyone saying under their breath 'don't sit next to him, don't touch him.' I was just laughing about it," says Smith. Even catchers, who generally converse with the pitcher after each inning, are forced to leave the pitcher in solitary confinement. "The last thing I want to do is talk to the pitcher and over-analyze some hitter and forget what we did to get him out the first time," says Darren Fletcher, who caught Phillie's pitcher Tommy Greene's no-hitter in

In addition to Greene's no-hitter, Fletcher was also catching for another historic game. Current Red Sox and then Expos' pitcher Pedro Martinez had a perfect game after nine innings. However, the Expos had yet to score a run, forcing the game to extra innings. Fletcher's main concern was trying to get a run across offensively. "I remember coming to bat in the top of the eighth with a guy on second base with two outs, and I flew out. I was really wanting to get a base hit, and drive in a run knowing that Pedro had a chance to throw a perfect game. I wanted to be part of it," he says.

The possibility of a no-hitter usually crosses the mind of each pitcher at different times. "After the third inning I got into the groove. So then the fans got into it every time I took the field and every time I came off, so at about the fourth or fifth inning is when it started becoming a possibility," says Erickson.

As the Twin's pitcher, Erickson had the advantage of the deafening Minnesota home crowd. Pitchers get ovations of a different variety

when they are flirting with history on the road. "What I really remember was when I was on deck, and all the fans right there in the front rows were yelling, 'hey don't forget you have a no-hitter, Smith. Don't worry, we're going to break that no-hitter up,' trying to jinx you. That's when it really hit me. I looked up at the scoreboard and we were in the seventh inning, and I hadn't allowed a hit," explains Smith.

On the day of a no-hitter, it seems like everything is clicking for the pitcher. Most pitchers tell you that the no-hitter would not have been completed if it wasn't for top-notch defense, a little help from the umpires, and, of course, some luck. "Umpires give a little more leniency, because the pitcher has demonstrated throughout the game that he is hitting his spots," says Fletcher.

"I'd say that 50 percent is luck," says Erickson. "Everything just has to go your way. I've walked out there some days and felt like I couldn't give up a ball out of the infield, and then get knocked out in the second inning. It's a strange game." On the magical night of a no-hitter, a pitcher's luck can even victimize Hall of Fame caliber hitters. "They call out Tony Gwynn's name to pinch hit, and all he does is hit. So I really was going to just go right at him and throw a strike, and hopefully he'll hit it right at somebody, and that's what he did. After that I knew that things were really going my way. I threw a changeup to Phil Nevin and he hits a ground ball off the end of the bat right at me for the final out. It was just unbelievable," explains an amazed Smith.

Unbelievable is an understatement in describing one of baseball's most amazing feats. The idea of a no-hitter provides the possibility of baseball history on any given day. Any team is susceptible, and every pitcher is capable. Some have called baseball the closest thing to perfection on earth. If this is true, a no-hitter is the ideal occurrence in an already perfect game.

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LI students take courses at LSC

By Abigail Stoutimore

Students of Lyndon State College may be interested to witness the influx of a slightly younger-than-college-age group at the college. LSC has decided to work with Lyndon Institute in a project that will allow the high school students to participate in college courses that would fulfill their L.I. requirements.

There are expected to be six to ten students from L.I. that will participate in this joint project between the schools, stated President Carol Moore in a letter, which first notified the school body about the agreement.

However, students at LSC need not be concerned with the potential of L.I. students taking the classroom spaces they may potentially need. "Students will be offered enrollment in selected courses on a space- available basis," Moore stated in the letter. Though fine details of the agreement have not been completed, LSC is negotiating with Headmaster Rick Hilton of L.I., and further information will be made available to students and faculty at a later date.



Lyndon Institute students are taking classes at Lyndon State College in a pilot program.

No cell phone tower for now at LSC

By Jon Prendergast

President Carol Moore has decided against having a cell phone tower built on the current radio antenna site at Lyndon State College. The debate over whether on not to build the cell phone tower came down to two major reasons. One was the potential health and safety hazards, and second was the visual impact of the tower.

The debate began back in early November of 2001 as the school began having conversations with up to as many as three different companies that were interested in building a cell phone tower. One of those companies in negotiations was Verizon Communications. Not only would cell phone reception improve with the new tower, but also the school would receive some money from the lease agreement. To solve the problem, the Faculty Assembly and the Campus Planning Committee, with research conducted by Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton, took on the task of addressing the concerns of a new tower being built

They concluded in their research that there is a great deal of debate regarding the health and safety factors of a new tower. There is no conclusive evidence that a tower as proposed would produce any health or safety risk upon anyone in the student population, according to Moore. The point on which the president made her decision is the impact on the aesthetics of the campus. The proposed tower would have looked more futuristic and modern than the present radio tower, and would be even taller. Moore decided the new tower would be more of a disruption to the aesthetics of the campus, and that now is not the time to build a cell phone tower.

Cell phone coverage might continue to be spotty across the area. A new cell phone and radio tower will perhaps be built in the present location of the radio tower in the future, but at this time Moore has decided to stop negotiations with the interested companies. She also sent thanks to the campus community for input she received on the project..

Bush tax cuts help college students



President Bush's massive tax-cut bill might make college more affordable to middle-income families and lower-income students.

In June of 2001, Bush signed into law a tax-cut bill that may help families who do not qualify for the federal HOPE Scholarship because they make too much money. This plan will affect individuals who make a maximum of \$65,000 per year and couples that make \$130,000 per year. Families who apply within these limits may try for the \$3,000 tax deduction of tuition costs beginning this year. This deduction may increase to \$4,000 per year in 2004 or 2005.

The president's tax-cut also stops the fiveyear limit on the deductibility of student loan interest. This makes the deductions indefinite, making it easier on lower-income students.

There has also been some developed interest in college tuition savings plans in the United States since the tax-cuts. These savings plans are run by different organizations throughout the U.S.The organization running the savings plan in Vermont is the TIAA-CREF. There are a total of 529 plans in the United States, but only one is in Vermont, the "Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan."

This plan is a pre-paid tuition savings plan, which allows a student to start paying for his tuition for college before he gets to college, even if he is in kindergarten. The Vermont plan includes non-residents of Vermont, and the account money can be used for tuition, mandatory fees (such as lab fees), books, and supplies, as well as room and board. There is no age limit and no duration limits, so one may start as early as he wants and end whenever the college bill is paid off.

There are a few limits on the savings plan. The account can be no higher than \$240,100 and the minimum deposit per time is \$25 or \$15 per pay period for payroll deduction deposits. The only draw back is that the state will not back the account or give state tax deductions. Also, students can not apply online.

For more information go to www.savingforcollege.com or www.vsac.org.

Jamie Keough lands Washington, D.C., internship

LSC PR

Jamie Keough of Hardwick, a senior at Lyndon State College, has been accepted by EMILY's List in Washington, D.C., for a spring semester internship. Keough is the daughter of Gary and Barbara Keough and graduated from Hazen Union High School in 1998. She is majoring in English/journalism and writing and minoring in political science.

Keough was offered internships at two sites, the other being the Rosie O'Donnell Show in New York City, and chose EMILY's List because the oppor-



Jamie Keough accepted an internship at EMILY's in Washington, D.C.

tunity more closely matches her interests of public relations and politics. Her responsibilities during the internship include assisting with candidate training sessions, maintaining contact with candidates and managing a database. She will begin on January 7.

Internships play an important role in education at Lyndon State where between 150

and 200 students are involved in an off-campus educational experience each year. Some majors require internships, while others offer the opportunity as part of the curriculum of an elective basis. Many student interns receive job offers at the end of their internship experience.

The LSC Office of Career Services, where Keough has worked since her freshman year, acts as a clearing house of information for students seeking internships in addition to helping students find work following graduation.

EMILY's List is a political action committee that promotes the campaigns of candidates friendly to women's issues in state and national elections.

Weather photo contest is fundraiser for some, glory for others

By Mark J. Taylor

During the fall of 2001, the student chapter of the American Meteorological Society at Lyndon State College ran a photo contest with weather photos submitted from various members of the club. The contest is a fundraiser that helps student members of the AMS club go to a weather conference in March. The winning photos, judged by meteorology faculty members Dr. Nolan Atkins, Pamela

Grube, Dr. Bill Fingerhut, and Dr. Bruce Berryman, will be published on the cover of the 27th Annual Storm Conference booklet, another function run by the club. Taking first and second place was junior meteorology major Mike Haridman. In third was freshman meteorology major Mike Procanik.



Mike Haridman won first place in the photo contest with this picture.

The internet revamps student and administrative services

By Timothy DeHoff

The future is filled with ease for students and administrators as computers redefine the way the Student & Administrative Services Initiative (SASI) program operates. July of 2001 marked the beginning of this trend when the general ledger, accounts payable, purchasing and projects accounting went live on the internet to begin the new future of the Vermont State College system.

The main goal of this program is to make the network more friendly to VSC students and administrators. So far, the program will allow people that work in the VSC system to look at such things as their pay stubs. This will be in complete

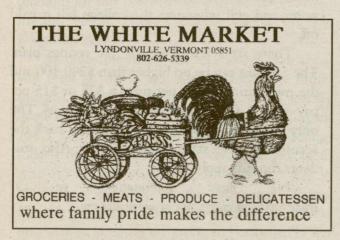


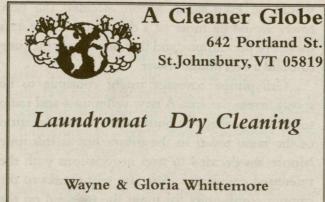
A new computer system, SASI, is changing the way the state colleges do their computing.

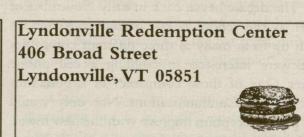
privacy and will only show things like year-to-date earnings, net pay, hourly wage, state and federal tax deductions, and earnings for that pay period. It

will not divulge information such as social security numbers and other personal information that would invade a user's privacy. One of the future goals of this program is to have students eventually pay their bills through the internet. Another goal, according to LSC Student Association President Daryl Caver, "is to register for classes online."

Linda Hilton and Tammi Cady of Lyndon State are working with the SASI program. Both were unavailable for comment due to weather conditions of February 1







Deli, Redemption Center and More

The best of the breast To the Editor:

Editorial

Pebruary 25 to March 4 is National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, a week dedicated not only to educating people about eating disorders, but also to focus on body image and self esteem.

Most people, especially women, struggle with their image of themselves from time to time, and it is no wonder. So much of today's advertising displays one body type – the ultra thin woman with ultra large breasts. There is nothing wrong with large breasts per se, but it can be quite depressing for those of us with ultra small breasts. It is bad enough that most dresses and tops just do not fit properly, but lately I've found I can't even find a bra that will fit.

I was shopping recently at a store, lets call it The Unfashionable Slug, and was drawn to a huge wall display of bras that seemed to promise romantic nights and supportive days. There were lacy bras, racy bras, sports bras and sparkly bras with matching panties. "Nice!" I thought, as I noticed one in particular. I went to grab one my size but was surprised to find that model started in a cup size C. There were plenty more to choose from, so I looked on. But my second choice also started in C, and my third choice started in B.

I was starting to get suspicious. Where were they hiding the A cups? I decided to search by size. I found a whopping selection: a whole three brassieres in my size. I only needed one bra, so it shouldn't have been a problem. I say it shouldn't have been, but it was. You see, the A bras were all filled, stuffed. Apparently this store did not believe there could possibly be a woman with breasts as small as mine who would not feel the need to stuff her bra.

And I don't mean to say these bras came with a free pair of socks, either. These were high-tech stuffed bras. These babies were water-filled. Hydro-Boob I think they were called. I grabbed one of these things down off the bra wall. It must have had a gallon in it because it weighed a ton. I wondered, couldn't this bra cause you some problems? I could just imagine the poor high school girl all decked out for the prom, Hydro-Boobs filling the front of her gown, whose clumsy date accidentally sticks the corsage pin a little too deep, popping the left canteen of her bra. It would be the perfect bra if you were stranded in the desert, but it was not quite what I was looking for.

My next choice was much lighter than the first due to the fact it was filled with air. So now prom girl can go zipping around the room when her date pops one of her balloons, I thought. Geez, if you have to fill it with air, you might as well go with helium instead and get some real lift.

But lift was not my problem, there being not much to lift in the first place. I was starting to think my grandma was right, that a girl with breasts as small as mine didn't deserve to wear a bra in the first place. But, I reasoned, support is not the only reason to wear a bra. Even those with very small breasts want to lessen the effects of a cold day or to conceal the dark circles way under the eyes when wearing a white shirt. And God forbid we should look romantic when wearing no shirt.

Needless to say, I left The Slug braless. I figured I didn't need the kind of humiliation that came from purchasing a stuffed bra anyway, at least not in person. This was a case for mail order humiliation, so I chose the best catalogue, Victoria's Secret. Here I found the same Hydro-Boob bras, only now they were on models that clearly did not need them. I didn't care that these bras had the Vickie S label, I still decided to leave the Wall-O-Waters for the tomato plants. I did find something quite nice, though, again starting in size C. Oh, they did have bras in my size, the boring, ugly bras, of course, and they weren't discounted for the fact that they only took half the amount of material to make. I guess Victoria's secret involves implants.

But I don't want implants, just a bra that fits, a bra that says it is OK to have small breasts and still want to dress them nicely. What message is a store sending when they refuse to carry underwear to fit a whole segment of the population? I can see the frustration full figured women must have had before fashionable plus sized clothing was widely available, though my problem was clearly the opposite. I wondered, standing back there in The Slug, if maybe they did not carry such small bras because there was no demand for them. Could I be the only one this tiny? Would I be forced to wear a training bra to get a good fit? What is wrong with me?

Then the real me took over and said, "What is wrong with this store?" There is nothing wrong with me or small breasts (nothing wrong with large ones either if that is what you were given, but I wasn't.) And I happen to know I am not the only one: I come from a whole family of little

Thank you very much for mailing me past issues of the Critic. I really enjoyed reading them.

I recently came across a number of Critics that were stored away in my mother's basement. It was interesting re-reading some of the articles our staff had written in the early 70's.

Many of the articles had an admittedly liberal slant to them. This was primarily due to the political and social climate of the times. There was political unrest on campuses around the country, and Lyndon was no exception; that was in great part due to the turbulence of the Vietnam War that bitterly divided the country. The ensuing, acrimonious debate over the justification for the war severely damaged family relationships and pitted friends and neighbors against each other. Those who did not attended college were classified 1A by the Selective Service Department and subject to the draft. Others who went to college were classified 2S, and were not subject to the draft as long they remained in school. There was one well-known student that found a way to stretch a four-year program into seven-year career. The implied message from the government was that if you did not attend college, your life was somehow more expendable. As the war winded down, a lottery system was instituted that finally equalize the playing field for everyone.

Is was also a time of cultural and social change that was influenced not only by the war, but by the music of the times, e.g., the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Jimmy Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Eric Clapton etc., some of the true icons of rock and roll, even to this day.

It is good to see that the Lyndon students are still concerned with local and national issues. I often times hear that students today do not have a political or social awareness; but that does not appear to be true at Lyndon.

I liked the article by Dana Amey in the 10/8 issue on the possibility of the draft being re-instituted. I should send you an introspective Critic article from Chip Tallon, a former student, who publicly burned his draft card at the bandstand in Lyndonville and was subsequently sentenced to a four-year prison term in the Ashland Kentucky Federal Penitentiary. It would give Dana a historical as well a generational perspective on what was once a burning, life and death issue.

Your "Heroin in our hills" article was excellent! In contrast, there were a lot of prominent figures in the 70's that provided convenient rationalizations for drug use, e.g., Tim Leary and Ken Kesey. It is encouraging to see that society's message on drug use has changed; but it is shocking and disheartening to know that drug use is still so prevalent. One of the real tragedies is how drug use has filtered down to the elementary school level. Keep up the great reporting.

The article by Abigail Stoutimore, in the 11/5 issue, on the student that was found to have guns on campus was very disturbing. My own take on this is that the student should be summarily expelled unless there are some very convincing, mitigating circumstances to justify his behavior. What I find interesting is the Caledonian-Record's suit to obtain information on the incident from the LSC. I don't think there is a precedent for this; but then again, I am not a lawyer. It will be interesting to see how this turns out.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings. Reading the Critic brought me back to a time when Gerry Spaulding and I would stay up all hours of the night writing and editing for the Critic. It was great fun. Enjoy the experience with your staff. It goes by all too fast.

I would appreciate it if you could keep me on your mailing list for future copies of the Critic.

Thanks again, and best of luck to you and all the Critic staff.

Dennis LaBonte Former Assistant Editor of the Critic Class of '71

ladies, and we are darn proud of it. We hold our heads up high, and men look us in the eye, the eyes having so little competition. And as for The Slug, I'm heading in there with a copy of this editorial, which I will slap down on the counter with a shake of my head (hey, you shake what you've got and I'll do the same), and vow never to shop there again as long as all they carry for small busts are air bags and water balloons.

Because I love my shape, even if it is less like a shape and more like a line.

African-Brazilian dance group presents traditional music

By Meaghan Meachem

n Friday February 1, the African-Brazilian dance group, Nego Gato, performed at Lyndon State College.

Nego Gato is a group composed of four people who present traditional folkloric music and dance kept alive in Brazil by decedents of African slaves for the past 400 years. Their show features capoeira artists, dancers, and percussionists, who combine their talents together to show people traditions they may not be familiar with.

The night proved to be an educational

one for all that attended. Many people were able to talk to the performers after the show to learn more about the drums they were using and the history behind the dance. About 170 people attended, both students and community members. CAB, Lecture and Arts Committee, and Catamount Arts sponsored the event.

Dance Club

By Kelly Palleschi

There is a new club at Lyndon State College. I This club had a lot of spunk, and these girls know how to shake what their mamas gave them. They are the LSC Dance Club. So far, they have performed at two men's basketball halftimes and will continue to do so until the season's end.

The Dance Club was started in early December and is made up of nearly 25 women who practice three to four times a week, two hours per practice. It is a lot of fun, but it takes a lot of dedication, heart, and hard work. The dancers sacrifice free time in order to practice a routine for a future performance.

After the basketball season ends, the dancers will be working on memorizing and perfecting eight dances for a show in May. They are promising a show you'll not want to miss at this end of the year performance.

Palleschi is a dance captain for the Dance Club.

RADIO SCHEDULE WWLR 91.5 The Impulse

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12-3pm	Jason (t40)	OPEN	Ryan N (p)	Joe L. (hh)	Corey L (ecl)	Nate C. (80s)	Jeremy/ Fro (t)
3-6pm	PJ/ Jason (ecl)	Jen O (ind)	Elia N (rg)	Dave M (met)	John L (contry)	OPEN	Rob (cr)
6-9pm	Mike W (hh)	Linda Q (T40/Ecl)	Tim Z (hh)	Jesse V (jz)	Pete M (cr)	Andy/ Josh (rpm)	Kate/Tiff (hh/d)
9-12am	JasonB/ Andrew C (ecl)	OPEN	Matt B/ Andy G/ MikeC (ecl)	Cap't Hawaii (80's.cr)	OPEN	OPEN	Jared
12-3am	Tm P/ Jared (P)	John P. (met)	OPEN	Nick V (met)	OPEN	Ari (rpm)	OPEN

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Before you see Lord of the Rings, read this book

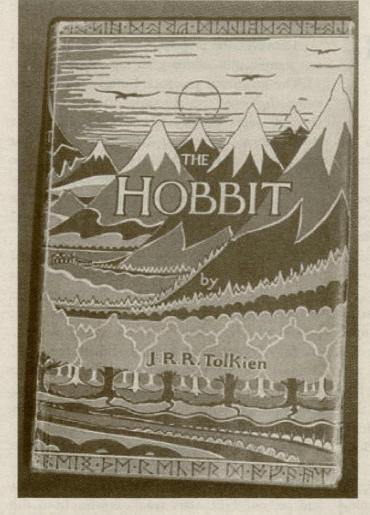
By Jenn Everett

The Hobbit

By JRR Tolkien, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1937, Hard cover, 289 pgs.

I went to see The Lord of the Rings movie during the winter break and was immediately drawn into the rich fantasy world invented by JRR Tolkien. I had never read The Hobbit or the following sequels, so I didn't really understand much of the history behind the new movie. A week later, though, I was given a copy of The Hobbit and was told that I would understand the movie better if I read it. Four hours later (I speed-read), I had finished the most incredible science-fiction/fantasy story I had ever read.

In The Hobbit, we see how this amazing and complex story all began, with the most inoffensive of creatures, Bilbo Baggins, enjoying a day of smoke rings and the ordinary life he leads. He is soon drawn by fate, and Gandalf the Wizard, into a great adventure with dwarfs, elves, spiders, gob-



lins, eagles, and, of course, a fire-breathing dragon. It is an adventure where Bilbo finds out more about himself than he knows.

The book keeps the calm and relaxed pace that a Hobbit likes, making it an easy read for both young and old alike. This pace adds to the story rather than taking away from it, providing lots of time for more adventures in the next book, Lord of the Rings. Tolkien doesn't try to impress the reader with fast action scenes or quick-witted dialogues. The story doesn't thrust itself upon you. Instead, it seems to paraphrase the words of Bilbo: "It is a fine day for smoke rings, come blow some with me."

Comedian keeps crowd happy

By Meaghan Meachem

After a week-long tour of Maine, comedian Happy Cole made a stop at Lyndon State College. He performed February 3, as a kick off to Super Bowl XXXVI. About 50 students attended to take part in the afternoon of comedy sponsored by CAB.

Happy Cole came from L.A. to perform, and has appeared on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," Fox's television series "Seaquest," and Nickelodeon's television series "Clarissa Explains it All." He has also toured with many other famous artists such as Sinbad, Julio Inglesias, and the Temptations.



Happy Cole put on a great performance, definitely enjoyed by all that attended.



Schedule of Events

Feb. 11-14 – "The Devil's Backbone," a blending of ghost story and the emotion drama of a young boy struggling to adjust to life during the turbulence of the Spanish Civil War, will be playing at the Catamount Arts Center. Call 748-2600 for showtimes.

Feb. 15-21 – "The Town is Quiet," a film weaving three stories of life in Marseille, will be playing at the Catamount Arts Center. Call 748-2600 for show-times

Feb. 16 – Cherish The Ladies, an Irish music group, will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. \$17.50 ahead for adults, \$15. for members, seniors, and students, \$10. for children under 12; \$20. at the door.

Feb. 21 – The Don Campbell Band, winners of the Grand Ole Opry's Country Showdown for Best New Act will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Morse Fine Arts Center, St. Johnsbury Academy. Call 748–2600 for more information

Feb. 22–28 – "Under the Sun," a film about a romance that springs up when a lonely farmer advertises for a housekeeper, will be playing at the Catamount Arts Center. Call 748–2600 for showtimes.

Have some fun. You owe it to yourself!

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INSIDE PITCH

Super preparation

In most sports, the championship games are played in the home cities of the competing teams. Usually where a game is played isn't determined until a day or two before the event. Football is the exception, as the Super Bowl's venue is decided years in advance. This allows for the utmost time for preparation of halftime shows, as was evident with last Sunday's festivities at the Superdome in New Orleans.

"For all intensive purposes, we started preparation right after the previous Super Bowl," says Superdome public relations director Bill Curel. "The Superdome held its fifth and most recent Super Bowl in 1997, ironically featuring the New England Patriots that time also. There were numerous people in New Orleans who had jobs that entailed only Super Bowl preparation. They were not employed by the Superdome or the National Football League, but they had spent the last five years planning

the game that hundreds of millions of people watched on Feb. 3.

However, the preparation of the Super Bowl was significantly altered with the events of Sept. 11. The game was postponed one week and the entire theme of the pre-game show had to be changed. Like so many recent events, the Super Bowl had a theme of patriotism and love for America. "To see a very red, white, and blue tweak to the entire thing is appropriate in our world today. It was certainly a good move by the NFL to switch from its normal pageantry," Curel says.

Entertainers like Paul McCartney, U2, and the Boston Pops went along with this theme as well. "The whole Super Bowl theme was wrapped around patriotism and admiration of people who have done so much for us over the last few months," says Keith Lockhart, the Pops' conductor. "I think the music provides a rallying point. For us to play some of our country's great music and get some people in good spirits is part of what we do."

The Boston Pops have been described as "America's Orchestra," and their musical performance supported that title. Viewers saw past and present NFL stars read excerpts from the

Declaration of Independence with the Pops' music. The orchestra also played a tribute to composer Aaron Copeland while five of our living Presidents read the words of Abraham Lincoln. "What they put together is something very moving and very special," Lockhart says. "I think people all across the nation appreciate it."

With all the hype of pre-game shows and commercials, sometimes the actual football game gets lost in the shuffle. "There is the old joke that it's too bad the football game gets in the way, because everybody is having a good time," says Curel with a chuckle. "But that is what brings us all together. This is the ultimate. This is the focus of everything."

The 36th Super Bowl certainly lived up to its hype. The Patriots' dramatic upset victory was witnessed by over 800 million people worldwide, one of the most watched television events in history. Whether the Patriots won or lost, this year's Super Bowl was a success. America's biggest sporting event provided a great opportunity to show the strength and patriotism of the United States, while pre-game planners put together a show that entertained football fans and honored America. How fitting that a team called the "Patriots" ended up coming out on top.

Hornets' big 'O' not enough for big W's

By Jamie Norton

And now, ladies and gentlemen, we present to you the defending Mayflower Conference Champions – your 5-13 Lyndon State College Hornets!

Ah, yes, last season's breathtaking run through the Mayflower Conference tournament seems like ancient history compared to the way the LSC men's basketball team has been playing this season. Far removed from the championship team of yesteryear, the Hornets have struggled to string together four measly little victories thus far.

Before last season, the Mayflower Conference coaches' poll predicted Lyndon State to finish in last place. But the Hornets proved everybody wrong in fighting to a 15-9 overall record and capping an amazing season with an incredible run through the playoffs to hoist the championship trophy into the cool February air. This season, they were again chosen by coaches to finish in last place and, instead of defying all odds, they have only proven everybody *right*. They had only one victory in the conference standings (through Feb 4) and had the worst overall record in the five-team division.

The biggest difference, coach Eric Berry explained, between last year's climb up the tower and this year's slumber party in the basement, is the youth and inexperience on the club.

"We haven't gotten the big plays when we need (them)," Berry said. "Youth is definitely an issue, but I'm kind of tired of using that as an excuse."

It's hard, of course, to use youth as an excuse, when two of your leading scorers are freshman. Tom Witts and Chris Brown, both first-year players on the Hornets, are both averaging double-digits in scoring this season. Witts has scored over 20 points on ten different occasions with a team

Photo by Matthew Jenness

The Hornets'
Chris Brown
goes up for a
lay-up in
Lyndon's 84-78
victory over
Notre Dame on
Feb. 2.

season-high 36 on Feb. 4.. Brown, in the meantime, is one of four other Hornets who have averaged double-digits, and he has led the team in scoring twice. The scoring abilities of this pair of freshmen, matched with the talents and experience of a pair of juniors, leading rebounder Gregg Rose and play-maker Pete Camp, give Lyndon a powerhouse offense. LSC has netted over 90 points in a game eight times and has broken the 100-point barrier four times.

"It seems we're always able to get points on the board no matter what defense is played against us," Berry said. "We've got basically five players who average double figures each game."

So, with such a potent offensive attack, why aren't our Hornets 13-5, rather than 5-13? At risk of sounding cliché - defense wins games. LSC has made a habit of putting a lot of points on the board while giving up even more. On November 18, for example, Lyndon scored 100 points against Rivier College, but Rivier answered back with 105. In the next game, the Hornets scorched the net for 95 points but New England College tossed in 108. Lyndon has given up more than 90

points eight times.

In other words, if the Hornets plan on making another Cinderella surge through the Mayflower Conference tournament, they will have to concentrate on keeping their opponents' scores lower than their own.

"We're going to have to really work hard on our defense in the tournament or we'll have a quick exit," Berry explained. "This team's really fun to coach because there's a lot of talent here.

"(The players) recognize when it's an important game and they know how to step it up ... I think we can really scare somebody in the playoffs. I wouldn't want to play (against) us."

Upcoming Games

Feb. 11 - Home vs. St. Joe's College - 7:30p.m.

Feb. 12 - at Hampshire College - 7.30p.m.

Feb. 14 - at Green Mountain College - 7:30p.m.

Feb. 16 - at Thomas College - 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 20 - Mayflower Conference Playoffs, 1st round (TBA)

In the Cheap Seats

With Jamie Norton

We want YOU - seriously!

There he is: back for a third stint at the profession he loves, hoping to revitalize a presumably hopeless organization into respectability, trying to rediscover his old style that made him so widely loved and successful. No, I'm not talking about His Airness Michael Jordan; I'm referring, of course, to former (and current) Critic sports editor Jamie Norton. That's me.

I am back for my third stint as sports writer/editor of your favorite on-campus publication (even if it's not your favorite, humor me). And because I have such an undying love of sports and such a powerful devotion to writing (not to mention an obligation to get a good grade), I will all but guarantee that the sports section of the *Critic* will reach heights it hasn't attained since the mighty MJ could coast down the court without having to worry about tripping on his cane.

Why have I reclaimed my post once again? Why can't I stay away? Is it because I love our humble little newspaper? Is it because I want to showcase my talents and knowledge as a sportsman and a writer? Or do I have such a strong view on things in the wide world of sports that I just can't keep my mouth (or word processor) shut? Actually, the reason is much more basic. I have noticed an amazing trend here at the *Critic* in my tenure as a student at LSC: If I don't do sports for our newspaper, no one will.

I don't understand it myself. Why is it that not a single student has come to the *Critic* in my three years at this school and said, "I want to write about sports for this newspaper?" Now come on, people - I know that I am not the only person on this campus who is interested in sports (I play intramurals – trust me, I know), and as an English major, I have met many people who can write well. I have even seen people who, believe it or not, like sports and can write!

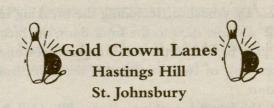
So where are you all hiding? I know there are people around here who have a legitimate writing ability and a passion for and knowledge about sports. So what's the matter? Are you shy? Afraid of commitment? I'm not asking you to marry me (although, if that's what it takes...). First of all, there is absolutely no reason to be shy. We have a very professional, yet extremely friendly group of people here at the Critic who only have uncontrollable psychotic episodes every other Tuesday. And second of all, if you're afraid of commitment, let me ease that fear by saying that there is virtually none. All I ask of any of potential sports writers is ONE article per issue. We publish bi-weekly, which means you have two weeks to do one measly little article! What more could you ask? Lots of fun, minimal commitment? Where else can you find that kind of a deal (besides on the street corners of Las Vegas)?

So come on, people. Help us out. Our *Critic*, overall, is in the best shape it has been in a long time thanks to my editor-in-chief Marina Cole. She has worked very hard to bring our paper back to a level of respectability, and I would like to fol-

low suit with our sports section. Take a look at it now. Looks good, doesn't it (re-considering that marriage thing, aren't you)? But I know it can look better (as impossible as it sounds) with the help of a few talented writers who know even a little about sports. I know we've got some hiding in the hills here at Lyndon State College. Come forth and reveal yourselves! The reward is worth what little time and effort you'll need to put in. After all, even the great Michael Jordan (back when he was great) needed teammates.

Until next time - so long....so short.





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Lady Hornets: Fun to watch, frightening to face

By Jamie Norton

The Lyndon State College Lady Hornets basketball team can attribute two things to the periodic success they have throughout the 2001-02 season: size and youth. Unfortunately, the latter has also contributed to the team's more frequent lack of success.

On January 16, LSC beat up on Maine in a 30-point rout (71-41) to improve to 6-7, bringing the Hornets to the doorstep of a winning record. However, they subsequently lost their next five games to fall into a 6-12 hole without a single win against a Mayflower Conference opponent.

Despite the minor slide, however, the ladies have plenty of reason to be optimistic. Though the team boasts only three seniors and no juniors, it has a dynamic collection of underclassmen that has showed uncanny maturity and all but carried the majority of the weight throughout the season.

Sophomore Sarah Gagnon joins seniors Kim Kangas and Ashley Golden as co-captains of the squad, leading the team in assists and contributing double-digits in scoring on several occasions. Freshmen Rachel Maxwell and Kate Powell, in the meantime, have brought a dominating inside game to the Hornets this season, and this new style of play has been their strength all year. The



Irene Dickson attempts a thee-point shot from the top of the key in Lyndon's 98-80 loss to Notre Dame Feb. 2.

six-foot Powell is one of the team's top rebounders and second-leading scorer – after Maxwell.

The 5-10 Maxwell adapted very well to the college basketball scene and, as a result, has quickly become the team's number-one scoring option in only her first year at LSC. On November 17, in only her second game in the NAIA, Maxwell scorched the net for a team-high 22 points and has led the team in scoring 13 times. Maxwell has matched or eclipsed the 20-point plateau eight times and poured in an impressive 34 points in a losing effort on Feb. 2.

The Hornets have the arsenal to be a very dangerous team, and while their record thus far is not overly impressive, they are sure to make a good run come tournament time. But that will be just the beginning. With a core of young, talented players, our Lady Hornets will be fun for fans to watch and frightening for opponents to play for a few years to come.

Upcoming games:

Feb. 11 - Home vs. College of St, Joe's - 5.30p.m. Feb. 12 - at Hampshire College - 5:30p.m. Feb 14 - at Green Mountain College - 5:30p.m.

Feb. 16 - at Thomas College - 1:00p.m.

Feb. 20 - Mayflower Conference Playoffs, 1st round (TBA)

Killer of JSC student sentenced to life in prison

by Scott David Monroe
Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

James Allen Kinney, the man convicted for the brutal 1998 murder of former Johnson State College student Keri Sherlock, 20, was sentenced to life in prison in Whatcom County Superior Court on Monday, January 14.

According to Aubrey Cohen of The Bellingham Herald, Kinney kept his head lowered for much of the hearing and stood passively as Judge Steven Mura firmly addressed the 52-year-old murderer.

"There's nothing I can say to you that's going to make a bit of difference," Mura said before reading Kinney his sentence.

A day after Prosecuting Attorney Dave McEachran decided not to seek the death penalty, Kinney pleaded guilty to aggravated first-degree murder. The plea carried a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Kinney, according to reports, spoke to the Sherlock family during the sentencing while reading from a handwritten statement, and said he was "deeply, deeply sorry" for the rape and murder of Sherlock. He asked the Sherlock family and God for forgiveness.

A reporter later asked Bonnie Sherlock if she would forgive her daughter's murderer.

"I don't know. I think we'll have to see a lot more than what we saw today," she said. "Empty words as far as I'm concerned."

Two hikers outside of Glacier, Washington discovered Sherlock's body on October 4, 1998.

Autopsy reports attributed cause of death to blunt trauma to the head and indicated that Sherlock had been sexually assaulted.

According to Whatcom County court documents, Kinney's truck was found a mile from the scene and physical evidence also linked him to

the murder.

A warrant for Kinney's arrest was issued on October 8, 1998, but the former Vietnam veteran evaded capture for two years. After receiving tips from television's America's Most Wanted, FBI agents arrested Kinney in Elizabeth City, N.C. on March 6, 2001, where he had been living with his fiancé under the alias of Julius Goldman.

Kinney originally pled innocent to the charge of aggravated first-degree murder at his arraignment on March 15, 2001. It was not until exactly nine months later that Kinney reversed his plea. According to law, Kinney must submit DNA for a national database for law enforcement agencies across the country.

Keri Lynne Sherlock attended Johnson State College from fall 1996 to fall 1998. As an emblem to SherlockÅfs memory, friends planted a tree above the upper pond.

Room searches result from recent "rampage" at CSC

By Scott Lanphear Courtesy of VSC AP, Castleton

On Saturday, January 26, Ellis Hall was struck by vandalism, including the breaking of the side window next to the front door, the breaking of glass in one of the vending machines, and the shattering of two windows in the hall's laundry

Vandalism is nothing new for Ellis Hall. As the only all-freshman dorm on campus, Ellis has long been a target of heavy vandalism. So far this year, the acts of vandalism have resulted in fines totaling up to \$6080, or \$48.64 per resident.

As a result of these events, the Residence Life Staff has been conducting random room searches throughout Ellis Hall that should last a week, according to Ellis Hall's Residence Director, Sarah Oudekerk. Although there has been some talk from students that such searches are a violation of the 4th amendment of the Constitution (which prohibits unwarranted searches and seizures), Oudekerk affirmed that it does not, because the Castleton State College Student Handbook men-

tions that such searches may take place if notice is given at least 24 hours in advance. Oudekerk also noted that the searches are only "plain sight" searches, meaning that they will only search for things that are right out in the open.

Oudekerk stated that in order to try to prevent any further acts of vandalism, a Public Safety officer would be positioned in Ellis Hall from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Residents of Ellis Hall have their own opinions about the acts of vandalism. Steve Durgin says the vandalism "makes [him] angry." He added that the vandalism "shows how immature people are." He further added that there are not enough Public Safety officers to keep control over the vandalism. Jessica McDonald, another resident, said she is "outraged" because she did not do the vandalism, but she is responsible for paying the fines that go with it. She said that she was not even there when the events took place on Saturday night. Steve Cronin, another resident, agreed, stating, "It sucks, because people that didn't do it have to pay for it."

Residents have differing views about the room searches. McDonald said that room search-

es are fine, as long as they give 24 hours in advance. Durgin agreed, stating that the room searches do not violate students' rights since their rooms are technically state property, owned by the college. Dan Wooding said that the room searches are a good idea because they will help find out who is behind the vandalism.

However, other residents think the room searches are ineffective. Cronin called the searches "a waste of time" because people have at least 24 hours to hide evidence that shows that they performed the acts of vandalism. Louie Rabello, another resident, called the searches "bogus" and stated that they only searched three rooms.

While vandalism is a problem that looms over Ellis Hall like a dark cloud, there may be ways to prevent it from occurring. Durgin suggested installing security cameras in the building. Rabello suggested putting up a piece of paper on the wall for people that want to write graffiti to use so they do not have to deface the walls with such graffiti (an act of vandalism that occurs frequently in Ellis). Other residents stated that there is nothing that can be done to prevent it from occurring.

Dialogues on Diversity: JSC responds to September 11 attacks

By Jessie Holmes Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

Beginning in January, Johnson State College will host Dialogues on Diversity: Focus on Current Issues, a three-month series of weekly lectures and panel discussions.

The lecture series is a response to the tragedy of September 11. The Ellsworth Trust, a private foundation endowed by former JSC history and government Professor Emeritus Robert A. Ellsworth (1907-1994), has provided funding for the series.

According to Director of Alumni Relations Sally Laughlin, JSC President Barbara Murphy made the final decision to implement the series to facilitate a better understanding within the JSC community of the causes behind the violent events of that day.

Laughlin, JSC part-time professor Cynthia West, and the Multicultural Events Committee organized the lectures.

The first in the series, Understanding Islam, was held January 22 with two speakers from the Vermont

Islamic Society, Muhaideen Batah and Asmaa Daoudi. JSC Professor Jerry Anderson moderated the lecture.

Women in Islam: Two Contrasting Situations will be presented February 12. This two- part event will begin with a lecture by Jennifer Bright, who holds her master's degree in Religious Studies from the Islamic Studies Center at McGill University, followed by a short video entitled The Shroud of Violence.

A panel discussion will be held March 12, The Roots of the Crisis in Afghanistan. Panel members are to include Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Moats of the Rutland Herald; JSC Professor Nacklie Bou-Nacklie, who specializes in Middle Eastern and African History; part-time JSC professor, attorney, and activist Sandy Baird; and Helen Scott, an Assistant Professor at UVM and global justice and anti-war activist. Moats and Bou-Nacklie will focus on the historical aspects of the topic, while Baird will focus on the influence of drugs and the drug trade in Afghanistan. Scott will discuss the effects of U.S. military and economic global

interventions. Victor Swenson, former director of the Vermont Council on Humanities, will moderate this lecture.

The series will conclude with another panel discussion, March 19, Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. The panel will offer an historical analysis by JSC Professor Nacklie Bou-Nacklie. Sister Miriam Ward, a Professor in the Religious Studies Department at St. Michael's College, will present the Palistinian perspective. She is also a member of both Pax Christi Burlington and Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel. Rabbi Joshua Chasan, of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, will present the Isreali viewpoint. Chasan earned his doctorate in American history from the University of Pittsburgh and has studied at Yale Divinity School and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. JSC Professor Jerry Anderson will moderate this discussion.

All of the four lectures will be held at 4 p.m. in the Ellsworth Room on the second floor of the Library Learning Center. The entire series is free and open to the public.

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Death of administrator comes as a shock to the VSC system

By Dana Amey

Vice President for Finance and Administration of the Vermont State Colleges System Robert Nicol died February 7. His death was an apparent suicide.

LSC's Dean of Administration Wayne Hamilton, who worked under Nicol for six years at the VSC's office before coming to LSC, said Nicol's was a "coordinating relationship" with the Vermont State Colleges. "We worked closely with him," said Hamilton. "Bob was one of the most dedicated and hard-working people I have ever known, and he will be greatly missed. In the short term, many of us throughout the system will be working together to make up for his loss."

Nicol's body was found in the basement of

VSC's office building in Waterbury by a co-worker. A note was also found at the scene, but according to Waterbury Police Chief William Wolfe, quoted in the Rutland Herald, "it didn't allude to why" Nicol had taken his life. Apparently, there had been no signs of premeditation, and Nicol had come in to work that morning the same as any other morning of the thirteen years he had spent in the VSC office.

Wolfe also told reporters there was no evidence of foul play, but that an autopsy had been ordered on the 53-year-old official as part of standard procedure.

In a message to all VSC employees on the afternoon of his death, Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges system Robert Clarke, to whom it fell to break the news of Nicol's death to his col-

leagues, wrote of Nicol's kindness and generosity, and also of his "great talent and deep knowledge in his work."

In a later message, Clarke wrote "We are all deeply saddened by the tragic loss of our friend and colleague Bob Nicol. As we try to cope with our loss we must also focus on helping Bob's family through this difficult time." According to the memo, a "celebration of Bob's life and service to the VSC" is planned in lieu of a funeral or memorial service, at the request of Nicol's widow. A representative from Nicol's office said that although a date for the event had not been established yet, a March service is tentatively planned, and one of the Vermont State College campuses may be used as a location. A scholarship fund in his honor for his three children is also planned.

Club budgeting starts slow, speeds up in the wee hours

By Marina Cole

The members of the Student Government (now formally known as the Student Association) House of Representatives are budgeting for campus clubs again. It is a necessary burden for each representative of a club to insure funding for the next year's activities.

House has met three times in budgeting sessions, the first time on Feb. 5 from 9 p.m. to midnight, the second on Feb. 12 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., and the third time on Feb. 26 from 9 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. Things began slowly: the first two sessions only brought \$4500 in cuts to club budgets, according to Student Association President Daryl Caver, leaving thousands in cuts still to be made to bring the total proposed budget in line with the magic number. The executive board members are the only members of the Student Association who know the magic number, the estimated amount of money that will come from student activities fees in the 2002–2003 school year to fund clubs.

According to Caver, the process was slowed down "because people are asking the same questions four or five times." He suggested "we need to all pay attention and not repeat the same question. If we did that we would be moving much quicker through budgeting."

Things picked up during the third session, when a motion was made to skip a phase of cutting other club budgets and go straight to a phase in which clubs offer up cuts from their own budgets. Two rounds of self-inflicted cuts ensued, resulting in thousands of dollars being slashed. At the close of the meeting, the executive board revealed that the total budget for all clubs was over the magic number by 11.42 percent. Clubs will vote in the next meeting to send the budget on to President Moore with an 11.42% freeze or to do more cutting to lower the

percentage. If a freeze is approved, each club is not allowed to spend the amount of the freeze until final figures for student activities funds are calculated and it is known exactly how much money is available, at which time the freeze may be lifted.

Each club is affected in different ways by the budgeting process and the cuts it brings. During the first two sessions, the Twilight Players, LSC's theatrical club, lost their entire line item for makeup, proposed at \$500. Dan Currier, House representative for the Twilight Players, said the cut to the Twilight Players' budget will result in his club asking for money from the general fund or paying for makeup through fundraising.

Also in the first two sessions, A Student Society In Service Together (ASSIST) suffered a loss of \$250 from their line item that funds an alternative spring break trip to Washington D.C. The Natural Science Society had their field trip line item cut from \$1200 to \$700 after discussion about the club's habit of using some of that money to lower the cost for geology students to take a "for credit" geological tour. Representatives cut the American Meteorological Society talent show fundraiser funds in half with a \$250 cut, and also cut \$499 from the AMS National Conference "B" item, which was proposed at \$1500.

The Outing Club lost \$200 from their "B" line item for travel costs to outing events. A "B" item is defined as one that is wanted, while "A" items are needed. Sigma Zeta and the Literary Society also lost money from their proposed "B" line items. Sigma Zeta lost their \$75 line for medallions for their graduating members, and the Lit. Society lost \$200 for refreshments at creative writing readings and \$400 to cover artists fees for readings. Ice Hockey also lost its "B" items for water bottles, socks, and pucks, while WWLR lost \$1000 for renovating their studio in those first two budgeting meetings.

"It's real tough this year to cut money because clubs really didn't inflate their budgets like they've done in the past. Many clubs kept their budget the same as last year's or just slightly increased it. That's very good to see, but it also makes budgeting even more difficult because you don't know where to cut" said Caver of the difficulties inherent to the budgeting process. However, "right now I really believe this is the most fair way to do" budgeting, Caver said.

Currier said, "budgeting is a hard time for all clubs. No one is out to get any one club, but if we want our budgets to pass, money has to be cut from somewhere. It may not be fair, but it has to happen. Clubs just need to accept that and not hold a grudge against anyone."

Caver added, "I think budgeting is going great."

Some budget facts:

Club with the largest budget: Campus Activities Board (CAB) CAB's proposed budget: \$69,179.79

Club whose budget may not be cut by House: CAB

Club with the second-largest proposed budget: WWLR

WWLR's proposed budget: \$27,825.

Club with the third-largest proposed budget: Ice Hockey

Hockey's proposed budget: \$19,595.

Club present for budgeting with smallest budget: Logicos

Logicos' proposed budget: \$800.

* Above facts from "Applications for Students Activities Funding" forms for 2002-2003.

Faculty Federation debates which positions are filled

By Abigail Stoutimore

The college is far below the allowed number of I faculty, based on the number of students at the college. In fact, there are 56 full-time faculty members in proportion to the 1,238 students at the school this year, as reported by President Carol Moore in a letter to Tim Sturm, Ph.D., a professor at LSC. Hiring new faculty to fill the existing gap has been a hardship, however, as there is a budget deficit that does not allow for a complete full-time faculty to be hired. As a result, the president has suggested that the departments at LSC work with Dean Fishbein to establish a part-time faculty that would compensate for such a lack of professors. As the president stated in print to Sturm, "It is my desire to be proactive and to do careful screening and orientation of part-time faculty to ensure the best experience for students in the classroom."

The decision to fill some faculty spaces and not others has caused a debate at the Federation Faculty Assembly meeting, at which these issues were dis-

cussed. The college has decided to fill the position in the arts/humanities, due to the needed support in the General Education Program. A psychology position was selected to be filled, based on the large number of students in that department and the need for another instructor to compensate for this need. Also, a position in the education department will be filled, as the Vermont State Colleges have determined that the education programs at VSC should be prime choices for instate students who wish to pursue teaching careers.

However, many members of the Faculty Assembly were displeased with these decisions, as the positions filled were not considered to be top priority of the college. Many members were in support of filling a position in the Allied Health Sciences Department. This request was denied because the department has "no clear plan for the future," according to Moore, as the department is currently exploring avenues by which to revamp the educational offerings of the Allied Health Sciences at LSC.

The faculty is not the only party displeased with

the plan proposed by Moore. The president of the Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation, Dr. Rov M. Vestrish, was much discouraged with the plan to implement new part-time faculty at the school, stating in a letter to the president, "the idea of shifting more of the teaching load to a part-time faculty i misguided and inappropriate."

Though Vestrish did recognize the lack of financial resources in hiring more full-time faculty, he encouraged Moore to reconsider the proposed line of action, as "It is particularly painful to watch an institution like Lyndon State College...chart a course which could weaken the institution as a community of committed scholars, learners and practitioners."

Vestrish rationalizes the push for more full-time faculty by stating that these employees impact the student body by advising learners and creating "continuity of instructional staff."

"I, for one," wrote Vestrish, " would hate to see the quality of Lyndon State College's programs jeopardized in an attempt to deal with short-term fiscal

Lyndon Rescue and Brown House get a facelift

By Matthiew Otis

yndon Rescue is planning on building a new three bay garage next to the Brown House. This garage will be placed where the long ramp currently stands. The garage has been estimate to be \$250,000 or more. "The grants have been sent out," says Stephen Pitman IV, Lyndon Rescue paramedic and retired Marine Corp. Sergeant, "but they are still being processed."

The Brown House was originally built around 1974 with help from the community. Lyndon Rescue is hoping that the community will help with this project as well. The current location of the garage is in the back of the Brown House in the basement with a very narrow and cornered driveway coming off it. Pitman explained that, it is hard to get the trucks around the corner when there is an emergency. With the garage being in front, this will solve the problem and create more space.

The space that he is referring to is the current garage and living area. There are only two bays, a living room, an office and a small sleeping area for four people. With the new garage, the old one will be used for more office and living space for the people on shift. Lyndon rescue asked an inspector Lyndon Rescue was remodeled. The kitchen and



Renovations at Lyndon Rescue will give the EMT's much needed room.

Photo by Matthew Kaier

what needs to be altered. The inspection came back with most of the living areas and the building to be totally redone since it did not meet EDA standards. The reason, explained Pitman, is that since the building was built in the 1970's it met the standards then, but today there are different standards to be met.

During February break, the upstairs portion of to come in to check the current conditions to see bathroom areas were totally stripped of all appli-

ances and wall coverings, and new ones were put in. The cost of the remodeling was about \$15,000, but Pitman feels it was worth it. He said " no matter how hard you cleaned the stove, or some of the other surfaces, they were never fully clean." Pitman and a couple of other rescue personal are pleased with the remodeling and feel that it is a big improvement over what it used to be. Jim Gallager, Director of Physical Plant for LSC, and Mike Harre, Lyndon Rescue Chair, are over seeing all of the

work being done to the Brown House and Lyndon Rescue. At Lyndon State College next semester, there will be an Emergency Medical Technician course. This class, EMT-B, is an introductory course for becoming an EMT. There will be multiple instructors for this class, each teaching a different area of training. After students have finished the course, they can continue with more training to join Lyndon Rescue. Also, Lyndon Rescue is always looking for more people to join. There is a program they have where one can ride along as an observer to see if he is interested.

LSC remembers Prof. Marty Wood with scholarship

By Kelly Palleschi

The late Martha "Marty" Wood is remembered A as enthusiastic about everything, according to Sean Parker, junior. Wood passed away on November 9, 2001. She was a retired professor of the allied health sciences and physical education. She worked as a faculty member at Lyndon State College for 15 years.

"She did the job of three people and kept a smile on her face the entire time she did it," Parker said. All of her students had nothing but positive experiences they shared with her and will forever carry with them all she has taught.

As a way to share that impact that she made on

students' lives with future students who were not as fortunate to have her as an educator, the development of a scholarship in Wood's name is in its beginning phase. It is hoped the scholarship will reach an endowment level of \$10,000. "Once this happens, the scholarship will then be presented to the Vermont State College Board of Trustees for approval," said Tammi Cady, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, in a February 5 e-mail message to the LSC community.

"We are confident the scholarship will reach the endowment level soon. Once that happens, the Office of Institutional Advancement will work

with Marty's family and the Department of Allied Health to work out the specific scholarship criteria," said Cady of the process for the scholarship

Marty Wood is definitely a name that will continue to be spoken throughout the future years at Lyndon State College and this scholarship is just the first of many ways to forever impact students with the life-lessons she has taught all of her

If anyone is interested in donating to the Marty E. Wood Scholarship Fund, contact the alumni office for details.

Finding a job is a job for new graduates

By Ray Wofford

The job market for college grads is tougher than I in the past two years, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

The class of 2002 will have to work a little harder to find a place in the work force. A survey by NACE projected a twenty percent drop nationally for graduate placement. Linda Wacholder, Director of Career Services at LSC, said, "We've had some economic downturns, but we shouldn't allow that to discourage us, or use that as an excuse not to try our darndest to find a job."

In a second survey, to which employers responded to the effects of 9/11, all stated that they would increase their use of data bases, online port-

folios, telephone interviews, and videoconferenc- LSC grads. Education, TVS, graphic design, and ing. And two out of five will visit fewer schools this year, indicating a somewhat different atmosto take a new approach to the job search.

Opportunities are still available, though. Approximately half of 2000's graduates who responded to the LSC Graduate Survey Report are employed or attending school in Vermont, and 70 percent reported making salaries in excess of \$20,000. According to Wacholder, Lyndon State has good representation for interns among employers, especially in the northern tier, both from alumni who are in positions to afford opportunities to recent grads, and those who have had good showing in the past. Locally, a good percentage of the human services field are

natural sciences have strong job markets also.

As per the Job Outlook Survey annually put phere for recruitment. Grads should be prepared out by NACE, internship is the number one route for new hires. Interviewers say they place high emphasis on communication skills, honesty, team work, grooming, and experience. Non-traditional interview attire only bears a slight influence on their decisions.

> Hot jobs are in the fields of engineering, computers, and business for holders of associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees, with a strong showing around the country for both accounting and electrical engineering. For Ph.D.'s, the top fields are the same, with the exception of business. Government/non-profit organizations project an approximate 20 percent increase in college hiring

Season pass sales down at Burke Mountain

By Jon Prendergast

C eason pass sales at Burke Mountain ski area are Isignificantly lower than last year. Burke Mountain general manager Dick Andross said a total of 1,630 season passes had been sold as of December 14, 2001, in an article by the Caledonian-Record on December 18, 2001. Since the mountain's opening, the push for season pass sales hasn't been as strong.

Last season, Burke sold nearly 2,200 season passes when it had set a goal of 1,570. In a copy of Burke Mountain's revenue and expenses, season pass sales accounted for the largest piece of revenue, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. The "Friends of Burke," a group consisting of members of the community concerned with the future of the ski area, met on February 13, 2002 to discuss, among other things, the issue of season passes. In their discussion, it was noted season pass sales were down \$130,000 from last year.

One source of the drop of seasonal sales could be the dramatic drop in college passes sold. Andross said college pass purchases were significantly down from last year and he plans to work with the school to help increase sales in the future, though the loss in season pass revenue is being picked up in increased day ticket sales.

An adult lift ticket is \$29 at Burke during the mid-week, and on the weekend the same ticket costs \$39. Compared to Killington, another Vermont ski area, where a mid-week adult lift ticket costs \$59 and on the weekend that same ticket costs\$62. Burke offers a more affordable package. In the past, Burke offered promotions such as carload days, where you would pay a set amount and all the occupants in your car could ski. Burke has chosen to discontinue such programs and Andross says instead of these promotions he is trying to offer a low daily price. He wants people to ski on the best day, not just on days where there is a promotion.

Burke is notorious for no lines. Mid-week, a skier practically has the mountain to himself, while on the weekend he may wait in a line for five minutes. The Burke trail guide states that there is a total of thirty-four trails and a vertical drop of 2000 feet. From the summit and from many of the trails there are breathtaking views of the Northeast Kingdom and Vermont. Burke does not have any high speed quads, trams, or gondolas, just one

quad lift that goes from mid-Burke to the summit. Andross says Burke has "room for expansion" but right now its not economically possible. In a statement of the benefits of Burke Mountain to the community, it is said that the ski area and Burke Mountain Academy bring almost \$5 million into the area each year.

To increase revenue, the mountain has looked to find new ways of making money, some of which do not have to do with skiing or snowboarding at all. This past summer, a camping area was renovated and opened. Andross said the

camping area was very popular among mountain bikers since part of the NEK trail system crosses Burke. Another event is the Rock Maple Racing Series, which is snowmobile racing, coming again this year a week after the ski area closes at the end of March.

Even with these other means of revenue, Burke Mountain needs the support of the community. The future will remain bright as long as the community digs in and gives support to the mountain's operation.



Lessons from our injustice system: Going to court

Editorial

I recently took advantage of my opportunity as an American citizen to take a little lesson from our justice system: I went to court to contest a speeding ticket and learned more than I cared to.

Let me sketch in the details for you. One Tuesday last October, I left the Critic office to pick up photos in downtown Lyndonville. On my way back, as I was about to turn left at the "marshmallow" in Lyndon Center, a sheriff's car came flying out of nowhere, lights flashing. The car in front of mine pulled over and I did the same, both of us no doubt thinking the officer was headed to an emergency elsewhere. The cruiser, however, pulled in behind us.

When he came to my window, he claimed I had been driving 41 mph in a 25 mph zone. Sixteen miles per hour over the limit would amount to a \$116.50 ticket and three points on my clean license.

I was shocked. How could I have been going 16 mph too fast and not even known I was speeding? I was getting suspicious. Where had he been parked, I asked, and where was I when I was supposedly going so fast? The officer told me he was "off to the side there" when he saw me on Center Street. I wasn't impressed with these vague answers, so I asked to see the radar for myself. The officer said no, I did not have that right. He took my paperwork to his car.

When he returned to my window, he asked, "Do you have any information pertinent to law enforcement?" I was confused and asked him to explain what he meant. "Like if you know anybody who smokes pot..." he trailed off.

What?! I shrieked, but only in my head. Did I look like I did? Did my clean license indicate I might? The officer finished, "because I could make this all go away." My anger grew – how dare he! I decided right there we would discuss this all in court.

When I finally got to court, four months later, the judge explained the burden of proof was on the state. The officer stated his training, his allegation of my speed, and that he had tested his radar the day he stopped me.

I had my turn next. I told the judge that I didn't believe I had been speeding. I showed that my ticket said I had been speeding north, though I had been on an east-west running road. I showed that my ticket said I was speeding from the Center Street bridge, but I brought pictures to show that the two sides of that bridge are posted at different speeds: my lane was marked at 25 mph while the opposite side was marked 35 mph over the same bridge. I told the judge what the officer had said about trading my ticket for information.

And then the judge gave her verdict: I was guilty, she said. The officer's reference to "pertinent information" was so com-

pletely ignored I might as well have never mentioned it. I was told roads do not have to be posted at the same rate of speed in both lanes. I was told no, I never had the right to see the radar for myself. And the fact that it is impossible to speed north while driving west was never brought up. I was guilty, I was told, and for the pleasure of being sure I had an extra \$10 in court fees for which to pay. If I wanted my "right" to appeal the decision, I would have to cough up another \$75.

I learned a lot that day in court. I learned you do not get to see the radar, and it doesn't matter what an officer says to you once he has you pulled over. I learned "burden of proof" only means if you have a badge, proof is no burden. I learned you can fight for your rights – if you can afford the costs. I learned our judges do not always have justice on the brain. And I learned common sense has no place in our injustice system.

I have to say, it must have worked out exactly as the system planned: next time I'll just pay up and stay at home rather than go to court, guilty or innocent.

Start caring about your world!

To the Editor:

We waste approximately \$9000 each year hauling away trash that is actually recyclable. Estimates are that we could reuse 50-60% of what we throw out, and this does not even include what could be redeemed for money. Our current rate of recycling on campus is approximately 8%. That leaves some room for improvement, to put it lightly.

Without going into too much of a rant here, our government subsidizes (that means gives tax breaks and plenty of extra money for) petroleum products, which are not only dirty fuels, but our purchasing them financially supports oil-producing companies in nations that play host to and encourage the kind of people that our government currently has on target for terrorist activities. So I'm going to pull a Patriotic Yankee on your collective chains here. If you don't care enough about the world that you live in to try and make a difference... if you don't care enough about the children of today and those of future generations... if you don't care enough about your own health and well being... start caring because you're an AMERICAN, a citizen of the most powerful and influential country in the world, a citizen with more rights than just about any other nation, and because of those rights, a citizen with more responsibility than those of most other nations. Wake up and smell clean air.

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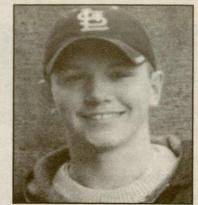
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IN THE CHEAP SEATS

With Jamie Norton



Guess who's at the wrong end of a Hornet swarm?

h boy. This is only my second issue back as sports editor of the *Critic* and I have already clawed my way to the top of someone's list of "people who we'd most like to hang by their underwear."

Yup, that's right – our own Lyndon State College men's basketball team has its snipers loaded and aimed at yours truly. Seems an article I wrote for our last issue had more than a few negative connotations and insinuated that our guys would match up nicely with a team of breast-fed chimpanzees.

What I meant was, our Hornets would kick the squat out of a team of breast-fed chimpanzees.

First of all, before I go any further, I would like to issue a sincere apology for offending anyone (actually, everyone) who coaches, plays for, or is affiliated with the LSC men's basketball team. Your season, at times, was long and sometimes difficult, and my journalistic intent was not to make a mockery out of your efforts, talents, victories, or defeats, but rather to expose the fact that, although this season was not as successful as last in terms of victories and

championships, you were still a damn good team.

Let me add that, between the time I interviewed coach Eric Berry for the last issue and the time the *Critic* went to press (a span of about a week), the Hornets won three more games, so their record was not as atrocious as indicated in that article. They played very well late in the season, and, despite their record early on, once again made themselves into legitimate contenders. I know I definitely wouldn't want to mess with them (especially since most of them are a lot bigger than me).

I would also like to disclose an awful truth. You see, despite my credentials as editor and reporter here at your campus newspaper, I have absolutely no authority when it comes to evaluating a player's talent or a team's success. The thing is - I suck at basketball. That's right, just call me Hoover. I went to a tiny high school where "athletic talent" meant you could run from one end of the court to the other without stopping to ask for directions - and I rode the pine. I didn't even make the varsity team until my senior year and I didn't even start on the J.V. team until I was a junior. Meanwhile, a breast-fed chimpanzee started over me (AND led the team in scoring) while a naked, dancing chicken was our top rebounder. So I have no right to say that the guys here at Lyndon, who play college basketball in a tough

division, working their tails off every night, are no good.

The bottom line is – sports are supposed to be entertaining and fun. However, when you've got some dumb kid who can hardly make a free throw (like Shaq, minus a foot and a half) taking cheap shots while you're working hard every night, the fun is taken away and replaced by contempt. Well, the efforts to hunt that kid down and beat that kid into insanity could still be fun, but we don't need to go that far, do we?

So again, I apologize for offending all players, coaches, fans, and affiliates of the Lyndon State College men's basketball team. It was not my intent at any time or in any way to create hostility towards or tension between the *Critic* or its staff and the team. It's much more fun, after all, to read (and write, for that matter) about a team's strengths rather than its weaknesses, and I am sure that the negativity and the sarcasm of the said article didn't help either. So, I'm sorry. I wish the men's team and all of its players the best of luck next season and in all subsequent ones, as well as for rest of the academic year, and the rest of their lives.

Until next time - so long ... so short.

Hornets' title defense officially comes to an end

By Jamie Norton

A 10-3 Eagle run in the second half put the brakes on Lyndon State College's drive to return to the Mayflower Conference championship as No. 1 Green Mountain ousted the Hornets, 87-70, on Feb. 23.

Freshmen Tom Witts and Chris Davies played like veterans in meshing 17 and 13 points, respectively, but that was not enough to stop a persistent Eagle offense that saw four players hit double figures. Green Mountain's Reg Chapple scored a game-high 22 points, while John Saporita and Jamil Newsome each netted 19 and Jason Ryerson had 14. LSC's Gregg Rose added 14 points in the losing effort for the Hornets.

Lyndon State was fresh off a 93-90 overtime win in the quarterfinals as the buzz appeared to have carried over into this game. The Hornets played even with GM for the first three minutes of the game, matching the Eagles bucket-for-bucket. Rose matched Chapple's jumper from the key with a lay-in to even the score, 2-2. Green Mountain's Nimrod Yanay canned a three-pointer for a 5-2 edge, but the Hornets' Jason Leandri got LSC back within one with a driving finger-roll lay-up. That was, however, the last time they would be that close to the top-seeded Eagles.

Green Mountain pulled away with a 13-6 run in which Saporita and Newsome both hit clutch three-point shots. The Hornets then failed to capi-

talize on an opportunity to even the score when the Eagles went scoreless for almost two straight minutes, as LSC had a coinciding scoring drought. Finally, Brown got the Hornets back on the board with a lay-up as Lyndon faced a 19-12 deficit with 10:32 left in the half. GM then answered with a 7-0 run and opened a 14-point, 26-12 lead that the Hornets would have to claw their way back from to have any prayer of winning the contest.

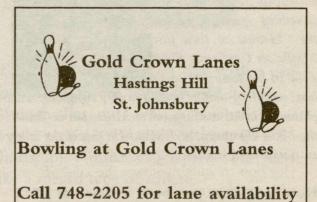
They answered that prayer brilliantly, outscoring Green Mountain 21-11 during the remainder of the first half as they found themselves down by only seven points (40-33) at halftime. That momentum carried over into the second half.

LSC took advantage of a missed shot and a Green Mountain foul early in the second half. Witts got an easy lay-in, and on the Eagles' next possession, Lyndon's Pete Camp sneaked in, stole the ball, and got it back to Witts for another easy bucket. The Hornets now faced just a three-point deficit (40-37) with 18:50 left in the game and were looking for a huge upset. They knew they had their work cut out for them, however.

The Eagles answered the Hornet threat with a 10-3 run. Chapple scored a short two and Ryerson hit a long three, followed by a lay-up by Yanay. Camp tried to get Lyndon back in it when he tossed up a trifecta, but Chapple answered right back with one of his own. Davies threw in a three-pointer, to which Yanay responded with a jumper,

and Witts scored from behind the arch but was matched by Saporita. Everything the Hornets got, the Eagles got too, which made catching up a very difficult task.

Green Mountain finally began wearing down the Hornets as they put together a 7-2 run that increased their lead back to 14 points (62-48). But Lyndon managed to put together one last run. LSC outscored GM, 12-5 in the next five minutes of play to get back within seven points (67-60), but a three-pointer by Chapple increased the Eagle lead back to 10. The Hornets never got any closer than that. Lyndon State's attempt to defend its title was officially over as it finished the season with a disappointing but hard-fought 10-17 record.



Peaks and valleys: Lyndon State College men and women complete roller coaster seasons

By Jamie Norton

The Lyndon State College men's and women's L basketball teams were eerily similar throughout the 2001-02 season. Both had lost key players from last season but had still managed to bring together an exciting mix of youth and experience. Their respective seasons can best be summed up in a few short words: peaks and valleys. Both started off strong and finished even stronger, but suffered a devastating lapse in between. Both surprised opponents in the first round of the playoffs, qualifying for the semi-finals in the Mayflower Conference tournament, and both lost to the same opponent, one step away from a dance in the championship game. Actually, their seasons can be described as having had two very high peaks at both ends of one long, frustrating valley.

The Women

The women made themselves known this year in the Mayflower Conference tournament, qualifying for the Final Four for the first time in coach Dave Mellor's seven-year tenure at LSC. That was the high point of the season for the Hornets-before they gracefully bowed out to conference powerhouse Green Mountain.

After starting the year with a 6-7 record, the girls had high hopes of pulling together a winning season. They had staged a few convincing routs up to that point, winning one game by a dominating 51-point margin, another by 35 points and another by 30. The Hornet freshmen brought size and youth to a team that already had talent and experience and had meshed well with the upperclassmen's experience and versatility. Things were definitely looking up for the Hornets when they were but one victory away from climbing over the elusive .500 hump.

However, that was as close as they got, as an eight-game losing streak dashed the Hornets' hopes of a winning season. After a 71-41 storming of Maine-Fort Kent, the ladies went on to lose their next eight games, five of which were against Mayflower Conference opponents. That put them in last place in conference standings as the season wound down.

After struggling through a tough stretch, though, Lyndon finally got itself back in the win column on Feb. 11 in a 73-67 victory over Vermont's College of St. Joseph's, a team that had beaten the Hornets by back where it wanted to be – in the Final Four of just three points earlier in the season.

LSC went on to win three of its last six games at the end of the season to finish with a 9-18 record. This included their quarterfinal victory, a 72-68 nail-biter over that same CSJ team on Feb. 20. The Hornets' hard-fought, satisfying win thus earned them the right to face the top-seeded Eagles in a semi-final match-up. Unfortunately, the train stopped there, as GM turned Lyndon away with a 71-43 loss.

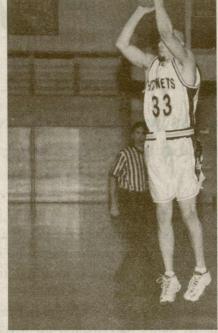
The Hornets need not be ashamed, however, for they will be back next year. The 2002-03 Hornets will have a talented nucleus of underclassmen returning with a year more of experience under their belts, and this should promise to make things very interesting. And when coaches around the conference ask, "Who are these Hornets?" they will find out next year when they get stung.

The Men

The 2001 Mayflower Conference champions had reason to be very optimistic coming into the 2001-02 season. They had only lost two seniors from their hard-nosed run through the conference tourney, and were returning a fine mesh of talent from that squad. The Hornets also welcomed a strong class of freshmen that contributed huge numbers throughout the year as LSC's offense easily eclipsed that of last year. However, early on, the guys would find out just how difficult it would be to defend their title, even with such a potent scoring line.

LSC put on an impressive offensive show in its first three games, scoring 83, 100, and 95 points, respectively. But all three games ended up losses as the Hornets' defense failed to back it up. Lyndon finally got its first victory in a 128-37 blowout of Hampshire College on Nov. 26 and went on to win four of its next six games. The Hornets were 4-5 and needed one more win to reach the .500 plateau, but all of a sudden, things took a turn for the worse. The Hornets lost seven games in a row and nine of 11 to give them a tough-to-swallow 6-15 record.

But the guys seemed to pull it together at the right time, though, as they won three of their last four regular season games and stunned Notre Dame with an exciting 93-90 victory in the Mayflower Conference quarterfinals. This put Lyndon right



Above: Freshman Chris Davis puts up a threepoint attempt in the Hornets' 79-77 victory over the College of St. Joseph's on Feb. 11. Davies scored 20 points in that game. Below (from left): Seniors Kim Kangas, Ashley Golden, and Tara Bartlett celebrated their senior season at LSC with coach DaveMellor's first

trip to the Final Four in his seven years as

the Lady Hornets' head coach.

Photos by Matthew Jenness



the conference tournament, where they thrived last season. Their opponent: Green Mountain College, the tournament's top seed this year, which had beaten the Hornets twice by 14 and 13 points. This proved to be a difficult task for Lyndon as they took an early exit from the tourney in an 87-70 loss (see story, pg. 5).

The Hornets will lose no seniors this year and will return the same nucleus of underclassmen that brought success to the program this season. Because of that, LSC should be even stronger in 2002-03 and may even get back to the championship spotlight that they yearned for all of this year.

Jamie Norton's Buzzer Beaters:

A 30-second interview with coach Dave Mellor

ave Mellor returned to LSC this year for his seventh season as women's basketball coach and did something special - he led the Hornets to their first Mayflower Conference Final Four in his tenure as coach

here, something that he holds as a very significant accomplishment in his coaching career. Mellor can be found in the Math department at LSC and is one of the college's most well-liked teachers.

How long have you been a coach at LSC?

Seven years.

What is your one most memorable moment as a coach here?

I didn't have an answer to this until last week, Feb. 20. We won our playoff game at the College of St. Joe's and got to the Final Four in the conference. It was the first time in my seven years here that we've done that

What did you do before coming to LSC as

I coached at (high schools) Lyndon Institute and North Country.

What are your overall goals as a coach here at LSC?

(I'd like to) develop student/athletes (and) win our conference.

The Critic wishes Dave Mellor and the Hornets the best of luck next year. They have a very promising future and, with any luck, might have a chance to fulfill that wish.

Tim Hagerty's

Inside Pitch

Salt Lake City Olympics had patriotic appeal

The recently concluded Olympics featured athletes from all over the world. The state of Vermont has the second smallest population in our country, but the amount of athletes from the Green Mountain state didn't indicate that. The first American Gold Medal came from Vermont's own Kelly Clark, who won the snowboarding half pipe competition. Bennington native Ross Powers won the same event in the men's division.

These Olympians were honored to represent both the United States and Vermont. "It's absolutely a feeling of pride. There is definitely a lot of representation throughout a lot of sports by Vermonters," said freestyle skier and Tunbridge native Evan Dybvig.

Many athletes felt even more proud to wear the red, white, and blue at this time in history. Patriotism has increased after the Sept. 11 attacks, and the Olympics were no different. "It's kind of what I can do," said Dybvig. "It's what I can do to help - to represent my country at this level."

"I think people are more proud to be representing the United States, given everything that has happened," said Rachel Mayer Godino, a former United States Olympic figure skater, who now works for the United States Olympic Committee.

"There is a good, positive feeling for all the athletes here. I think that is, in part, to do with September 11."

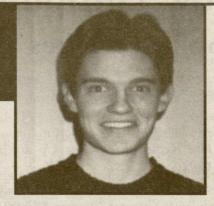
This positive energy led to successful results for the United States. The U.S. took home an impressive 34 medals, eclipsed only by

Germany's 35. This is even more outstanding considering the highest medal count before these games was 13 for the United States. "The United States Olympic Committee set a goal of 20 medals before the games, which a lot of people said was very aggressive," said Godino. "Many people thought that would be difficult to reach, because it was seven more medals than we had ever won before. To have absolutely crushed that goal is amazing."

Although the terrorist attacks brought great patriotism to the Olympics, they also brought tremendous security to the 19th Winter Games. Fans could not bring bags of any kind into the events, and in some cases had to wait over three hours in security related lines. "Well, for the most part people have been pleasant. The volunteers of Utah have been just amazing. When you're standing out in these lines, they had people singing, dancing, and entertaining you. I had never seen that before," says Godino.

The Olympics are the peak of any athlete's career. Years and years of hard work are all devoted to this one competition. For professional athletes, there are always other games to look forward to after a poor performance, but not in the Olympics. "There really isn't any better feeling, just because of the magnitude of the event," says Dybvig. "When it is over, your feelings are going to be either extremely high or extremely low."

"I tried to calm myself down, which is probably the opposite of other athletes. When I am about to skate, I am thinking that I am about to do something that I have done hundreds and hundreds of times before," says Godino, a figure skater in the Winter Olympics held in Albertville, France.



Preparation like this usually prohibits athletes from taking in all of the festivities. While the rest of the world is enjoying other events, these competitors did not work their whole life for a two-week vacation in Salt Lake City. "Fortunately with figure skating, you have the neat advantage of taking a bow at the end," says Godino. "That was the moment for me. When you're completely done skating is when you can actually soak it all in. See the American flags, the big crowds, and the rings everywhere."

The Olympics bring attention to a lot of sports that normally don't get much hype. Kids now know the rules of curling, and people made Super Bowl-like predictions on what female would win the figure skating gold medal. "I wish it was more than once every four years that we could get some exposure like this," says Dybvig, "but then it wouldn't be so special I guess. But it is great for the sport of skiing, and it really gets it out there more."

More people watched these Olympics across the world than any others in recent times. Viewers saw new Olympic heroes like Sarah Hughes or Apollo Anton Ohno. More importantly, the games seemed to bring the world together on United States soil. "The Olympics have more of a meaning. They are just a peaceful gathering of so many different nationalities, countries, and humans," described Dybvig.

Jamie Norton's Buzzer Beaters:

A 30-second interview with coach Eric Berry

Eric Berry is Lyndon State College's Men's basketball coach for the second season. Last year, in his first season, he led the Hornets to the Mayflower Conference title, giving them the rare opportunity to compete in the national spotlight in Branson, Missouri. He also has experience as a radio announcer on the local station, 97.7, and works in the Admissions Office at LSC.

How long have you been a coach at LSC?

Iwo years.

What is your one most memorable noment as a coach here?

The final 30 seconds of our championship win over Notre Dame last year!

What did you do before coming to LSC as a coach?

I was the boys' basketball coach at Lyndon Institute and I played here at LSC and at LI.

What are your overall goals as a coach here at LSC?

To win the national championship, but more importantly, to continue to upgrade the program in all areas including web site development, TV and radio coverage. Our station should cover every home game.



If you could spend one day with a professional athlete, who would it be?

Though I'm not a huge baseball fan, it would probably be with (Boston Red Sox shortstop) Nomar Garciaparra. He seems like a special type of athlete.

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How computer geeks get rich: Book describes Gates' and others rise to wealth

By Jenn Everett and Ted Sutton

The New Imperialists:

How Five Restless Kids Grew Up to Virtually Rule Your World

By Mark Liebovich, Prentice Hall Press, 2002. First edition hardcover, 320 pages, \$25.00

Move over Citizen Kane, and make way for The New Imperialists. The two books have a lot in common: they are compelling, brilliant portraits of tycoons and the age they live in. They are psychological but free of cant and reductionism. They tell stories rather then spew facts and platitudes. And luckily for us, they are a lot of fun.

The New Imperialists is impossible to put down, even if you don't usually go for business or technology books. This one, describing the rise to wealth of today's digital giants, reads like a novel. The reader feels he is there with Mark Leibovich as he peers inside Larry Ellison's Mercedes and spots a hairbrush on the passenger seat, or listens to Jeff Bezos proudly proclaim how wannabe Amazon executives have to first submit their SAT

scores. Learn how much you do not have in common with Bill Gates (he reads 30 books on his vacations, writes notes in the margins and sends the books back to the authors). Get into the minds of Steve Case and John Chambers.

Leibovich tells us what makes these men who they are, what has driven them along the way, and brings us along for the ride.

Wednesday night movies in Twilight Theatre

Playing March 6



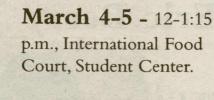


Playing March 15

Playing March 13



Schedule of Events



March 6 – CAB movie featured in Alexander Twilight Theatre, "A.I.," 9 p.m. Free admission.

March 7 – Theresa

Pauling will speak on immigration and naturalization at 7 p.m. in the Burke Mountain

Room. Reception to follow.

March 13 – CAB movie featured in Alexander Twilight Theatre, "Mulholland Drive," 9 p.m. Free admission.

March 13 – Karaoke at 9 p.m. in Stevens Dining Hall.

March 14 – "Insomnia Bowl" from 12 – 6 a.m. at Gold Crown Lanes in St. Johnsbury. March 15 – CAB movie featured in Alexander Twilight

Theatre, "Goonies," 9 p.m. Free admission.

Speaker gives students something to think about

By Holly McCreary

When they look before we even talk to them. Everyone is guilty of it, but the good news is that we have the ability to change and choose our attitudes. This was one of the main points stressed by motivational speaker, Charles McRea, who came to the Lyndon State College campus on February 12, 2002.

He gave his speech to a roomful of eager students and a few faculty members in Stevens Dining Hall. He was brought to campus by the Campus Climate Committee and at the suggestion of multiple Resident Assistants, who saw him earlier this year at RA training.

McRea's speech focused mainly on the subject of diversity, while emphasizing that we have the right to choose our behaviors and attitudes.

He interacted with the audience quite a bit, challenging people to find someone with whom they did not know and find out the differences and similarities between them. He emphasized how our culture tends to befriend those with the same commonalities and that we need to get out of this habit. This exercise was meant to show that it's ok to seek out those who may be "different" or unlike us in some way.

All too often in today's society, we see those who do not look like us or act like us, even though we are all living in the same world and are

exposed to the same things. McRea explained it best with crayons. Think about a box of crayons. There are the short ones, the dark ones, the tall ones and the bright ones. They may be different, but yet, they are all the same because they are all CRAYONS.

He explained that we all have these crayons and we need to use all of the ones in the box because if we don't, we are not getting the most out of the world. If all the world were colored in one specific color, it would look very drab.

McRea finished his speech by telling the audience that when we recognize our differences, we can achieve our goals and everything we want out of life. We need to be honest with ourselves and choose to deal with differences.

Winter Weekend: Long, grueling, but a good time as always

By Holly McCreary

The annual Winter Weekend at Lyndon State College is always filled with tons of competition and this year was no exception to the rule. Winter Weekend kicked off on February 8 this year with the Chant/Banner/Mascot competition in which each group presents their name and the aforementioned items that will be with them the remainder of the weekend.

Surprisingly, only four teams came out to participate in this year's events. The theme was "Nick at Night," and according to the rules and regulations, each team had to come up with a name for themselves that went along with the theme. The four teams, thus, were soon dubbed, "The

Reruns," "The Genie's," "Cheers," and "The Rugby Bunch."

The teams began the festivities with a trivia challenge, in which "The Reruns" took an early lead. They then moved onto the dance-a-thon, where only three of the four teams shook their booties for a whopping four hours straight. "The Rugby Bunch" decided to not take part in the

dance-a-thon.

Saturday began bright and early as the teams woke up to build snow sculptures at 8 a.m. In the afternoon, they moved onto competition in the gym which included such things as human fooseball. An egg toss and snowball eating contest rounded out the afternoon and the teams concluded the day with a grueling game of indoor soccer. Unfortunately, "The Rugby Bunch" dropped out of the activities sometime during the course of the day on Saturday.

Sunday's events started in the afternoon, giving the teams a chance to sleep in. The sledding relay started at 1 p.m., then came the tally of the scavenger items, in which teams had to find such things as an "I love Lucy" lunchbox, a life jacket, and a poodle skirt. After this came more physical exertion with pool events.

One thing that people can always count on during Winter Weekend is the big finish with the Lip Sync. This year, a little something special was added. The Campus Activities Board booked comedian Steve Byrne, who served as the emcee, giving the audience some entertainment during acts. He, along with each team's performance gave the audience quite a show.

"The Genie's," "The Reruns," and "Cheers" put forth their final effort to win over the judges with some creative singing, dancing, and antics.

As the show completed and the judges tallied up the results, the teams eagerly awaited. Despite amazing team spirit and even alumni participants, "The Reruns" did not take home first place. Instead, the well-deserving "Genie's" took grand prize. Despite having a smaller team, they managed to conquer most of the events and win the overall weekend! Coming in third was the "Cheers" team, who made a great effort and had a great time participating.

So, despite low participation, this Winter Weekend proved to be very competitive, definitely draining, yet fun for those who took part.

Conga drumming

By Timothy DeHoff

A new class is now offered to the Northeast Kingdom at Lyndon State College. Linda Warnaar is the instructor of a six week long Conga drumming course. The class deals with many aspects of playing the drum.

The class curriculum discusses the rhythms of Cuban and Haitian beats. Students of the class also learn the proper techniques of hitting a drum. "Everybody is having a great time," says Warnaar.

The class is not currently worth any credits for students. It is a course consisting of approximately eight people, which are mainly community members. All students and community members pay \$10 per class or \$48 for all the classes. Students have the possibility of the drumming class being offered as a course here at LSC.

The class is still opened for those that want to join.

Footloose Cast List

Willard: Tom Jacques Wendy Jo: Lydia Bourgeon Vi: Erica Rutledge **Urleen: Amanda McDermott** Travis: Nicholas Martin **Shaw: Jamie Easterbrooks Rusty: Sunny Naughton** Ren: Tom Perry Lyle: Kevin Legace **Ethel: Erika Scherer** Eleanor: Megan Lepoutre **Chuck: Michael Weems** Ariel: Sara Roy Jeter, Bickle, Garvin, Wes, Dunbar, Clark, Cowboy Bob, Cop: To Be Announced Ensemble: Michelle Graves, Jennifer Switser, Amanda Allen, Brandy Masten, Katie Masten, Megan Forthun, Amanda Clarke, Shana Herbert, Julie Shattuck

Irene's Country Kickers (also part of ensemble): Nicole Swallow, Theaura Ziegler, Jillian
Hopkins
Director: Jason Scherer

Director: Jason Scherer Stage Manager: Daniel Currier



Twilight Players put in many hours to get ready for their presention of the musical "Footloose" Seen here, Sara Roy, left, practices for her lead female role of Ariel

Photo By Matthew Jenness

Bookstore supply problems "average" at Johnson

By Elizabeth Achilles
Courtesy VSC AP, Johnson

Despite reports of textbook shortages for a number of classes at the beginning of this semester, bookstore supply problems were about average at the beginning of last month, according to Follett's Summit Campus Store manager Kathy Pearson.

"This particular semester we had one publisher who lost all their orders that were submitted for a week," said Pearson. "They had no idea who had placed orders in order to notify anyone that they had them lost. That was a breakdown they had with their computer system, so even though the professor handed in the book order, we got it processed [and] we got it sent out, it still didn't get through."

According to Pearson, the store runs out of textbooks for a number of reasons, including failure of teachers to submit their orders on time, unexpected increases in enrollment, and shipping and weather issues. To ensure students have the needed books, professors must get orders into the bookstore early, Pearson

stressed. The staff at the store needs time to catch any potential problems and fill the shelves.

This year, however, there were a few additional problems.

Because of the September 11 attacks, orders coming through New York by land and air had to be rerouted and searched. The halt in air service and high security caused considerable delays, some of which effected recent shipments.

Unusually high enrollments in several education department graduate level classes further complicated the situation this semester. According to Pearson, the bookstore gets weekly enrollment updates from the registrar's office, but, as the first day of classes near, communication between the registrar's office and the bookstore begins to decline, as both are very busy.

For example, the bookstore received paperwork dated January 16 from the regis-

trar's office on February 5, 2001 with added sections of classes. This situation may be rare but bookstore employees were not informed about the existence of these classes and thus had no way of knowing that they would need to order more books.

With an average stock of 550 titles, Pearson estimates only six cause problems, which include publishers running out of given titles or small publishers requiring prepayment of orders.

Pearson said the staff tries to estimate book demand for each class as closely as possible. The staff takes the number of students enrolled and compares that to book demand figures for the past three years.

"Sometimes we are right on the money and sometimes we are not. It just depends on what the trend is for enrollment and this time around we missed on some of the graduate classes, we really did," said Pearson.

Johnson State students study hospitality in Europe

By Isaac Olson
Courtesy VSC AP, Johnson

In association with the Department of Hospitality and Tourism, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Business and Economics Norman McElvany is coordinating two separate trips to Europe available to JSC students in May.

"It's an upper level hospitality course," McElvany said. According to McElvany, the two-week trips will be worth three credit hours. The trip/course is designed to study hospitality and tourism but is open to all students. According to McElvany, there are no prerequisites for the trip, but juniors and seniors get priority.

One of the two trips is to France and Italy. "The goal of the trip is to understand how France and Italy's art and culture influence its tourism industry," McElvany said. "There will be some work done here on campus prior to

departure, which includes arranging the tour, and putting the trip together," he said.

The trip will be conducted in conjunction with a hospitality school in France called the University of Savoy. "We will start the trip with lectures at their school and then proceed on our way," McElvany said.

McElvany is hoping to not only use this trip for its immediate use but also to develop a relationship with the French University for future exchange programs and other trips.

The other trip, to Ireland, is being conducted at the same time as the France and Italy trip. The requirements and goals are the same for both trips.

The trips are not designed to fully structured. There will be plenty of free time, according to McElvany. "We will make some decisions on the fly," he said. "We will be

staying on small properties outside big cities, so we really get to meet local people. Share the music. Share the culture. Share the food. Get to meet the families...A lot of time to hike, bike, swim, and sightsee. We'll do all the major museums in Florence and Venice," McElvany said.

McElvany is hoping to rent a vehicle for transportation upon arrival in order to commute. Because of the tight knit geography of the countries it is more economical and less complicated than public transportation, such as trains or buses.

Knowing how to speak French or Italian is not expected nor required for the trip but McElvany is hoping to educate students with some basic communication skills. He has been talking to Cynthia West, in the language department, to figure out the best way to learn basic French and Italian.

JSC upgrades computer network

By Stephen Morse Courtesy VSC AP, Johnson

Complaints of sluggish Internet access have disappeared following a major upgrade to the computer network serving Johnson State College, according to Sally Searles, director of information technology services.

Before the upgrade a single T1 line served the entire campus. Now, according to Searles, one T1 line is dedicated to the residence halls, while the other is dedicated to administrative and academic use. A single T1 line is about 42 times faster than a conventional 28.8 connection.

The installation came in October, following a series of incidents with Adelphia that taxed the already overwhelmed T1 line servicing the dorms, labs and classrooms.

Several students, when asked, said they did not notice the difference yet, but hadn't seen any "major slowdowns" since October.

JSC professor and students protest draft bill in Burlington

By Scott David Monroe Courtesy VSC AP, Johnson

SC Transition Coordinator and Academic Support Assistant Walter Zeichner joined about 20 other Vermonters on a cold day in Burlington on Saturday, Feb. 2, to demonstrate against the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 2001.

The protest, organized by Zeichner, moved up Church St. and ended in front of the Federal Building. The goal of the protest, said Zeichner, was to educate the public on H.R. 3598, a bill introduced in the House on Dec. 20, 2001. This bill requires that men between the ages of 18 and 22 receive basic military training and education as a member of the armed forces for not less than six months.

According to Zeichner, the demonstrators succeeded in educating the public about the proposed bill by handing out informational papers for

nearly two hours.

"Some people were surprised and glad because they hadn't heard anything about it," Zeichner said.

Reporters for WCAX-TV news interviewed Zeichner, although he is not certain how, if at all, the interview will be used.

Zeichner said he organized the protest with friends from the Burlington area after he received a copy of the bill from a mailing list. Zeichner also issued a press release and informational flyers in the Dewey Campus Center. JSC student Elizabeth Stroh, who attended the protest, believes she learned a great deal by speaking with well-informed demonstrators in Burlington.

"I felt it was important to attend this protest for its educational value," Stroh said.

Zeichner said that he has advised Vermont Public Radio to report on H.R. 3598, but the bill is being ignored.

"The media was instructed and have agreed to do self-censoring during this so-called war," Zeichner said. "[Secretary of Defense Donald] Rumsfeld [was] quoted as saying, very recently, that we don't need a draft and they're not pursuing it. I expect lies from someone like him."

Zeichner believes that the American people need to wake up and start making thoughtful decisions.

"I don't think this military draft effort is so much about the military as it is about taking a whole generation of young people and turning them into good citizens, who don't ask questions and do what they're told," Zeichner said.

As of press time, H.R. 3598 had not yet been voted on in the House.

President Wolk begins at Castleton, while many administrators end

By Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak Courtesy of VSC AP, Castleton

In the past month, Castleton has undergone some dramatic personnel changes in its administration. David Wolk has become our president, Donna Wolski has resigned as Dean of Institutional Advancement, Peg Richards has been appointed to a special position of the cabinet in charge of human resources, and Kelly Beckwith-Gillmore has become the new Dean of Administration. All of these shifts in the administrative power have come at a time in when Castleton desperately needs a change.

President Wolk addressed the college at Convocation, the official start of the academic year. In his speech he informed the campus community of his goals and expectations for the college. Primarily, Wolk stated that the college needs to "take care of the people who work here." By creating a human resources cabinet level position, it is clear that Wolk means business. The president went on to say that the people working at and attending this campus need to have mutual respect for each other and work together. "No one is more important than the next," said Wolk in his closing remarks.

Despite a speech geared around positive messages, Wolk also briefly mentioned a few things that caught some members of the audience off guard. Perhaps the most shocking news was the announcement that Wolski, Dean of Institutional Advancement, had resigned. After further investi-

gation into this matter there are various conflicting reports from around campus regarding Wolski's resignation. Some say that she is still being paid and simply working at home on a "special project for the president." No one was willing to go on the record about this issue and many others refused to comment, including the president. Despite the lack of a printable source, those who were willing to comment said that Wolski is still on the Castleton payroll, despite her resignation and the Alumni office/External Relations and Public Relations offices are now answering directly to the president.

For students who know little about how the college is run, the Dean of Institutional Advancement is in charge of fundraising money to supplement the money made from tuition. All this money is then used to run the various aspects of campus like the library, as well as student salaries. The fundraising that the dean is supposed to spearhead is done through alumni relations and through donations from external businesses. The president says that one of the areas that the college needs to concentrate more on is the alumni and external fundraising area. With the lack of a dean of institutional advancement, this will prove to be a difficult job. Wolk has decided to oversee some aspects of this part of the campus himself as well as reorganize the Alumni and External Relations offices.

Another unnerving revelation that was mentioned by Wolk was the fact that there have been some "mistakes made" with accounting for student loans. Upon further questioning, the president quickly said that they were "mistakes that were not going to be repeated" and that he "blames no one person" for them. Wolk also went on to say that these mistakes would have no effect on students.

Apparently the errors in bookkeeping have occurred in both the Financial Aid office and the Business Office. Around the same time that the president arrived and these errors in accounting for money were made, there was another shift in high-ranking administrative positions. Ken Moulton, Director of Financial Aid, and Ana Marie Baruco, the controller, have both left the college. A college controller is the chief accounting officer in charge of overseeing the spending and intake of money and basically making sure that the college keeps its checkbook in the black.

Wolk said numerous times in his Convocation speech that we all need to "tell the truth and tell it well." With all the new and parting administrators and the somewhat unexplained reasons for departing, students and employees of the college can but hope that the truth will be told to us about these matters.



The Samuel Read Hall Library
needs a logo symbolizing its commitment to providing
the best library services to the LSC community.

Prizes for the winning entry are
a \$20.00 gift certificate AND a \$20 video pass card
at the Music Man in the Green Mountain Mall.
Send entries to the LSC Library C/O Janet Thorn.

Deadline is Friday, April 5.





Police respond to suspected drug and alcohol use at WJSC

By Scott David Monroe Courtesy VSC AP, Johnson

Six people hosting a radio show at WJSC have been banned from Radio Johnson following an incident of suspected marijuana and alcohol use on Monday, Feb. 4.

JSC students Melissa Cobett, Erin Brosnan and Trevor Barry were banned from WJSC for alleged infractions of school policies and ticketed for underage possession of alcohol. Victor Santiago, Bart Kelley, and James Snyder were also banned from Radio Johnson, although they were not charged.

According to the incident report, security

responded to "a call of people smoking pot in the radio station" at 1:11 a.m. Security responded to WJSC, verified the smell of marijuana, and contacted the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. An LCSD officer arrived on campus and upon entering the station, asked the three underage students to take a Breathalyzer test. All three complied and were ticketed, while the three remaining people were allowed to leave.

Barry, Brosnan and Cobett are scheduled for arraignment on March 11, according to

Sheriff Roger Marcoux. Although security did originally respond to the station based on suspicion of marijuana use, paperwork for pending drug charges have not yet been filed.

WJSC Station Manager Dave Harrison said that Radio Johnson management assumes no responsibility for the actions taken by the six people.

"It's unfortunate that we have people who ruin what we're trying to do at WJSC," Harrison said.

Campus pub a solution or a gateway to alcohol abuse?

By Ruby Riley Courtesy of VSC AP, Castleton

College students drink an estimated four billion cans of beer each year and over 430 million gallons of alcohol in all according to a paper by the Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention. CSC Dean of Students Greg Stone cites alcohol abuse as one of the main reasons for lack of academic success at college, and Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services during the presidency of Bill Clinton, reported on the enormous health problem of alcohol abuse on college campuses. At a moment when talk about a campus pub is circulating on campus, might it be appropriate to examine the prevalence and impact of alcohol consumption on college campuses and how it all relates to Castleton State College?

The Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study (CAS) is an ongoing survey of over 14,000 students at 120 four-year colleges in 40 states. The schools and students selected for the study and its findings provide a complete national portrait of student drinking behavior. The CAS introduced the term binge drinking. Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in a row for men and four or more in a row for women. Some of the principal findings of the CAS were that overall 44 percent of U.S. college students engaged in binge drinking during the two weeks prior to the survey. Very few students, even those who binge drank three or more times during the past two weeks, said they had a problem with alcohol at the time of the survey. Compared to non-binge drinkers, a higher percentage of binge drinkers had experienced alcohol-related problems since the beginning of the school year.

Studies indicate that a primary reason for alcohol abuse among college students is the perception that others are drinking more than they are. Stone explained that while this perception is not the reality in the Midwest and the South, in the Northeast the perception of the level of binge drinking is consistent with reality. In recognizing that the problem is real, CSC has on

staff a Resident Director/Alcohol and Drug Coordinator who along with hired consultants will begin a social marketing campaign in January. The goal of the campaign will be to offer students valid information about how to assess and manage their personal risk for alcohol abuse. Stone hopes that students will be enlightened as to the detrimental affects of alcohol abuse, not only on the abuser but also on those who are in close contact to him.

The purpose of college is to obtain a higher level of education, but it also affords the opportunity for social and economic growth. Is drinking an inherent part of this process in our culture? How does one beer become too many, and are students prepared for the consequences of binge drinking? The CAS study found that frequent binge drinkers were seven to 16 times more likely than non-binge drinkers to have missed class, gotten behind in their school work, engaged in unplanned sexual activity, had unprotected sex, gotten in trouble with campus police, damaged property, or been hurt or injured. There was also a positive relationship between binge drinking and driving after drinking.

Is drinking simply a sociocultural phenomenon or are students drinking to relieve stress? Studies indicate that social support is a positive influence on limiting student dependency on alcohol as a stress reliever. Would a pub provide a sheltered place wherein students felt a sense of camaraderie that would lessen the propensity toward excessive drinking? Stone said, "I don't think alcohol makes community." The results of the Harvard study appear to indicate that social intercourse does not serve as a deterrent to alcohol abuse. Freshmen arrive at CSC with a mindset for drinking, according to Stone. The Harvard study found that white students are twice as likely to binge drink than other racial or ethnic groups, and about twothirds of fraternity or sorority members are binge drinkers.

For students who engage in binge drinking, intoxication is often the main goal. The CAS found that of all frequent binge drinkers, drinking to get drunk was cited as an impor-

tant reason for drinking. Studies have shown that students drink more when they serve themselves. Does it follow that the fact of a pub bartender would lower the inclination of some college students to binge drink? Or, would a pub sanctioned by the faculty and administration of CSC be an endorsement of campus drinking and in the end serve as a catalyst for excessive alcohol consumption?

As students press for a campus pub, should they also think in terms of working with CSC administrators to make changes in the social environment of the campus? Stone noted that the main business of the college is to educate the students. The school does, however, make an ongoing effort to "get students involved in campus life; to help them become engaged in their own education and life," said Stone.

Some colleges are establishing zero tolerance policies for alcohol use and trying to change the factors that influence students to drink, such as the campus social norms. Colorado State University, Fort Collins has encouraged safe tailgating at football games and provided alcohol-free events on Saturday nights. In response to the idea of adopting a zero tolerance for alcohol on the CSC campus, Stone stated that this would be an unlikely approach here. "In an educational institution, it makes little or no sense to have zero tolerance for inappropriate alcohol behavior. Young people need to make their own mistakes; we discover things sometimes by our failures."

While Stone is opposed to the idea of a campus pub, he did express interest in a compromise to the pub. "A pub night might be appropriate," said Stone. "The college administration is open to hearing about alternatives from the students. We want to communicate with all students, not just a few," said Stone. He suggested that students should take responsibility to see him, to let him know what they personally are willing to do. Stone said, "If you want it to happen, make a commitment, organize, take responsibility. Dialogue on campus is so important. It is a big piece of college life."

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Lubricant leads to slippery pool situation

By Abigail Stoutimore

The wait to take a dip in the Lyndon State College swimming pool is finally over.

The LSC pool was closed after the Campus Activity Board's Winter Weekend, which took place in February. The pool was contaminated during an activity that was part of the weekend games, where students swam in the pool and attempted to capture Vaseline-covered watermelons.

The fun, however, took a turn when it was learned that the pool became damaged as a result of the games. The pool water, which is typically set at 82 degrees, melted the Vaseline, a petroleum product, causing it to seep into every component

of the pool system. The pool was drained so repairs could be made, including replacing the sand in the filter system and cleaning the pool. Problems also arose as the cleaning process commenced; as the pool water cooled during draining, the petroleum re-coagulated, causing a layer of Vaseline to coat the pool components. According to James Gallagher, Director of Physical Plant, the pool essentially had to "start from scratch."

Classes, such as Swim Conditioning, gave students the option of completing 'land workouts,' such as snow shoeing or using the LSC gym treadmill to fulfill workout requirements. The students were allowed to use the pool as of March 7, and it was opened to the public on March 11.

Jim Gallagher said that despite the problems with the pool, it is "clean as a whistle."



A Vaseline covered watermelon closed the pool.

Photo illustration by Matthew Kaier

VSC accused of exploitation of part-time faculty

By Dana Amey

What at first may appear to be a fairly cutand-dry policy change raised quite a few eyebrows among full- and part-time faculty members here at LSC. As of Jan. 28, 2002, the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, based on a proposal by the Council of Presidents, made a number of significant changes in the policy regarding the hiring of part-time faculty members.

The highlights of both the old and the new policy are summarized opposite.

While the administration views the policy change as a positive one made in the best interest of the students, the faculty tends to disagree.

Tim Sturm, full-time professor of education, summed up his opinion: "The overall result of these changes is simply to make it easier for the board of trustees to hire, use and get rid of parttime faculty at the expense of full-time faculty, the curriculum, and the good of the students."

Currently at LSC, 63 of the 122 faculty members are part-time, while 56 are full-time. According to the formula dictated by VSC policy, there should be 66.5, or 67, full-time professors currently employed. A common concern among faculty is that the number of full-time professors will continue to drop (it has dropped by one per semester for the past four semesters), while the number of part-time instructors will continue to rise (over the past four semesters, the number has been lower than the number of full-time faculty once, and higher by at least seven instructors three times).

Sturm suggested that the new policy indicates a tendency toward the gradual replacement of full-time faculty with part-time faculty, which he said would not be beneficial to anyone except the VSC. "If the number of full-time faculty doesn't decrease," said Sturm, "will it increase? And will it increase in such a way that the proportion is going to stay the same? My guess is that it won't." Instead, Sturm believes that the number of full-time faculty will either remain the same or decrease, while the part-time faculty increases.

Full-time faculty, according to Coordinator of LSC's writing program and full-time professor of English Andrea Luna, stand to sustain some damage from the policy changes. "If we can staff the college with part-time faculty we don't have to pay health insurance for, then why bother to get full-time faculty back up to capacity?"

Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Michael Fishbein, speaking for himself and President Moore, said that the college does not intend to reduce the numbers of full-time faculty. "We have no intention of doing so," he said. "In fact, both the president and I believe that the full-time faculty should grow, when budgetary conditions and prudent planning allow."

The new policy may also affect full-time faculty in that with more administrative work (ie, overseeing part-time faculty) attached to their courseload, they may have less time to teach their classes. "One thing it means is that the higher the percentage of part-timers that teach in the first year writing program, the harder I work to make sure we're all on the same page, that the curriculum is consistent," said Luna. "I think it affects all of us [full-time faculty members] because our work load gets larger in terms of those things like assessment of the program, committee work. . . the fewer of us there are, the larger our workload is."

According to Fishbein, the new policy will lighten the loads of full-time faculty, not extend

* "The teaching performance of all adjunct faculty should

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- * Adjunct faculty should be employed only if 1) a course is offered requiring an area of expertise not held by any regular full-time faculty 2) student demand is such that more sections are required than can be taught by regular full-time faculty or 3) the location of the course makes it appropriate to hire adjunct faculty
- * "Every effort should be made by the college to limit strictly the need for adjunct faculty"
- * Adjunct faculty must have previous college, secondary school or other relevant teaching experience and hold a "master's degree or an acceptable substitute"; exceptions only in special cases
- * "Undergraduate coursework taught by adjunct faculty within any single academic department/division should not exceed 33% of the total course offerings of that department/division during the regular academic year"

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- * Regular assignment: "The administration and academic departments should make every effort to incorporate part-time faculty"
- * No mention of teaching qualification

be regularly and systematically reviewed"

CHANGES IN VSC POLICY 203: PART-TIME TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- * "Part-time assignments may represent a significant portion of the academic offerings within any of the Vermont State Colleges"
- * No mention of review or evaluation of part-time faculty

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Students speak out at part-time faculty proposal

By Abigail Stoutimore

Students at Lyndon State College are voicing their opinions concerning the proposal by the college president, Carol A. Moore, to hire part-time faculty in the place of the slim numbers in full-time educators. The president aims to do this due to a budget deficit at LSC, but the proposal is looked upon with disapproval by not only the Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation President, but also the students at LSC as well.

Students are curious as to what their tuition

dollars are being put towards. Freshman Nate Sidwell stated, "They need to stop spending money on things we don't know about and spend money wisely. It's our money anyway." He also commented on the budgeting that took place in House, commenting that perhaps sacrifices should be made in order to provide better funds to the college- such as lowering the amount of money given to the Campus Activities Board.

Some students believe that due to the everclimbing tuition cost, the school should be able to find sufficient funds to hire full-time professors. Students are upset at the current situation, as they realize that their education may be compromised by the influx of part-time educators who can not aid them as well as full-time employees of the college.

LSC student, Justin Kissell, approached the situation, "I think part-time teachers are good only if they teach a particular(ly) (general) subject like English. But classes that directly relate to the major should be taught by a full -time teacher who is there for the student more than a part-time teacher would be."

From POISE to SASI: VSC changes computer systems

By Timothy DeHoff

Students and Administrative Services Initiatives involves the upgrade of the current POISE system to the Datatel software program, Colleague. Basically taking it from the past to the future is going to cost the Vermont State College system approximately \$2.6 million dollars according to an e-mail from Kelly Gilmour, Dean of Administration at Castleton State College.

Colleague is the main product of this new system that sits on a server in Waterbury, Vermont. Although the program cost \$2.6 million, it was the

least expensive of the three finalist that were analyzed. The software maintenance is about \$210,000. Training, team support, and travel will run a total of \$125,000 this year and will decrease over the next few years as activity decreases.

The change from POISE to SASI started with the recommendation of the Technology Task Force in 1997. The reason for this change is because POISE was not on the web and could not be used by students or employees of the schools, just administration. It was not growing with the grow-

ing needs of the college system, according to an email from Linda Hilton Director of College Information Technology for the VSC and the Assistant Dean for Information Technology at Lyndon State College.

Its replacement, Colleague, is a Windows and web based program that is more user friendly than its predecessor. If you have a basic understanding of Windows programs such as Word this should prove to be the same kind of operating of the program. A simple point and click of the mouse and you are all set; it is that easy to use.

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them. "In order to ensure that students have available the courses they need, many full-time faculty feel obligated to teach courses beyond the load they are required to carry. Judicious use of adjunct faculty will enable these full-time faculty to forego the need to carry such overloads." Such use of part-time instructors, Fishbein went on, will "increase the opportunity for these full-time faculty to attend to their other professional activities."

Professor of Social Sciences Philip Luck was concerned with the possible effects on students of a shift toward hiring more part-time and fewer full-time instructors. "Certainly there will be consequences," he said. "Even if it's just how the students perceive the faculty." The fact that being a part-time instructor carries with it certain connotations, valid or not, could be problematic. "The students will interact differently," said Luck. "They will think differently about their experience. That is not to say that part-time faculty can't do adequate jobs. But it does affect how students perceive it, and that will affect their educational experience."

Alia Thabit, part-time instructor of English, disagreed. "Part-time teachers have been doing a lot of the lower level courses right along," she said. "If it was going to affect them [students] it would have already."

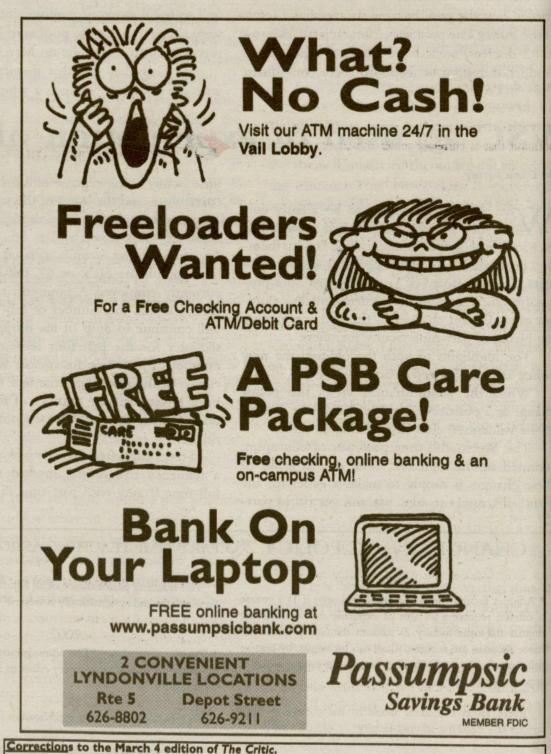
Luna felt that part-time faculty do not always receive appropriate consideration, appreciation, or compensation. "The college has always depended on part-timers," she said. "The ones we have are quite good and dedicated—and not exactly part-time." But, Luna said, "They're being paid *exceptionally* part-time wages. Way more part-time than the work is. It's exploitative. And we're lucky to have the people we do considering what we give them."

Sturm shared this opinion. "If the colleges [VSC] want to hire part-time people, they should pay those individuals the same salary proportionately, with the same benefits proportionately, that they provide to the full-time faculty."

Part-time faculty are allowed to teach up to 11 credits per semester, while full-time faculty, to remain full-time, must teach at least 12. Many part-time instructors teach 10 or 11 credits per semester. "This shouldn't happen," said Sturm. "All they need is one more course, and they're not going to get it."

Lisa MacDowell, part-time instructor of English, agreed. "The system financially exploits many highly qualified professionals. A part-time person who teaches three-and-three [three classes per semester] earns about one third of what an assistant professor with a four-and-four load earns, counting salary *only*. Benefits make the disparity *significantly* worse. The service and scholarship require-

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The "Club budgeting..." article should have stated that House would vote to pass the

budget on to Senate. Senate then votes to pass or fall the budget. If it passes, Daryl Caver, SA

The "Lyndon Rescue..." article should have identified Stephen Pitman IV as a retired

Marine Corps First Sergeant and EMT. Also, the EMT course is the only course for becoming an

The title of the faculty debate article should have read "Faculty Assembly debates which

President, has a chance to sign the budget before it goes to President Moore.

EMT, but is not necessary for volunteering at Lyndon Rescue.

Classes can't meet on Town Meeting Day

Editorial

The town dump employee stood up and said he had issues with the proposed general fund budget for the town, but was willing to keep his comments to himself if his neighbors didn't really want to hear what he had to say. He was encouraged to speak his mind.

Yes! I thought, excited to be attending Town Meeting for the first time. My firsthand lesson on small town politics was just getting interesting when I looked at the clock and realized I had to leave to make it to my fiction class.

For the people not acquainted with Town Meeting Day, it is the annual event in which residents of each Vermont town gather to elect town officers, as well as vote on other issues affecting the municipality. Residents can discuss and debate the issues, and many decisions are made by hand vote so every resident knows where the others stand.

At my town's meeting, residents voted on whether to take tires at the dump, on money to be given to various organizations, on selling an old school house owned by the town, and on many other articles. But I didn't get to vote on those issues; I was taking my fiction quiz.

There is something wrong with having to choose between going to class and going to town meeting. The students and professors for whom going to or holding class is a priority are the same students and staff who would, or do, attend town meeting and are having to make that choice.

I made the choice to go to class rather than stay and exercise my right to vote. I do not know that I made the right choice, and I hope next year I am not asked to make the same decision. Vermont State Colleges should recognize the importance of Town Meeting Day by closing.

Town meeting is one of, if not the last example of direct democracy in America. It should not be direct democracy for only citizens whose bosses, or administrators, feel town meeting is important. Every Vermonter of voting age should have the opportunity to attend her town meeting, without missing a day of work or class.

Supporting Palestine means supporting terrorists

By Ari Dann

The memory of September 11 has somewhat dwindled in our minds as we have gotten back to our daily lives. We go back to work, we frolic in nature's playground, we go to bars, we get back into our gas-guzzling light trucks and snow-mobiles, relieved that the Saudi Arabian royal family has deemed it a politically advantageous maneuver to lower the prices on a barrel of oil. We put up signs and bumper stickers that showcase our displeasure of Osama Bin Laden. We have it pretty good here.

This is not the case in other parts of the world. A few weeks ago in Jerusalem, there was a 20-year-old Palestinian that saw fit to strap on a bomb and end the existence of nine people coming home from their Sabbath prayers. One of the nine was a ten-year-old boy. Another was an infant. Fifty-seven others were wounded. This kind of outrage happens on an almost DAILY basis.

The bombings happened twice while I was in Jerusalem this January. I spent time with some relatives living in a neighborhood that is currently under mortar fire from terrorists who claim that it is part of their rightful land, when it is documented that it was purchased before it was settled. The terrorists' favorite target in that neighborhood is the elementary school. Meanwhile they say they want peace.

This kind of outright lie is perpetuated not only by the Palestinians, but also by the American media. How often on the news do we hear, "Israeli forces killed X number of Palestinians today?" What CNN doesn't tell us (because it was sold by Ted Turner to guess who, the SAUDIS) is that most of the time, the Palestinians killed had a bomb strapped to them, or were firing on civilians with Kalishnakov automatic rifles, or engaging in other acts of directed terror.

The Palestinians have had decades upon which to agree to peace and form their own state, but they have rejected all attempts. If you are in business, consider this: you make an offer to someone, and they reject it in haste. The next day, they come back, and say that they will take your offer, but then add conditions to it so it becomes greatly unfavorable to you. What if they tried to conduct industrial espionage, and came later and asked for the same deal? What if they sent people to your factory to disrupt production, causing your workers injury and destruction, and came and asked for the same deal? If it were business, you would probably call in the Better Business Bureau, if not the police!

Drive on back roads around here and you are bound to see signs that say "No Trespassing" or even "Trespassers will be shot." Not so in Israel. Arabs are allowed to travel between territories, provided they have their papers with them. The Arabs are even afforded their own quarter of Jerusalem, an area that any Jew without a death wish does not enter, as non-Arabs, including Americans, are attacked on a regular basis. Did you know, by the way, that Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street journalist who was BEHEADED by the Pakistani terrorists, was Jewish? We are not dealing with Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood here, folks. The Palestinians are allowed to travel to Saudi Arabia, so that they can worship at their holiest of sites, Mecca. Meanwhile, Israel still allows them to worship at the Golden Dome mosque in the old city, which was constructed on the

holiest Jewish site in Israel after they destroyed the Temple. THEY ARE STILL ALLOWED TO BE THERE. That does not exactly sound like oppression in my humble opinion.

Most of the time, Palestinians travel freely anyway, hopping across fences to work illegally in Israel. Picture our own border with Mexico. It has fences, patrols, dogs, snipers, infrared, and that is just to keep out workers. Now imagine that those poor slobs were not here to take your jobs; they were here to take your LIFE. How long would the United States support this kind of action before rounding up every brown-skinned Spanish-speaker and tossing them into detention camps? Not long ago, we did just that to everyone with a yellow complexion and slanted eyes, people who had come here and integrated and become productive members of society. The greater majority of Palestinians are not interested in becoming productive members of a society in Israel; they are interested in the destruction of the heathens.

The federal government's policy is that Americans over negotiate with terrorists." Yet strangely, the U.S. policy toward Israel has been one of favoring negotiations with the terrorists for peace. What we would not tolerate here, we demand that the Israeli citizens put up with daily. The Palestinians have followed not one of the edicts agreed upon by the UN in the Oslo 2 accord for peace. What have they done to deserve to be recognized at all?

Now, with growing awareness that the Western world is getting sick of all this, Saudi Arabia proposes a "peace plan" that is nothing more than what they have demanded since the 80's. This is a well-calculated move to give the impression they want peace, when in reality it is a thinly veiled attempt to get in the good graces of the UN. The basis of the peace-for-land deal that the Saudis propose is to roll back the map to June 4, 1967 borders, which with today's military capabilities would be an indefensible nightmare. It leaves the major Israeli cities wide open to rocket attacks and to the newly developed 6-km ranged Kassam-2 missiles. How long have we been putting sanctions on Cuba because our fear of a communist site launching missiles across our borders?

Maybe we are so used to being lied to by politicians we cannot see anymore what is a lie. Bush, along with the UN council, continues to rely on Yassir Arafat as the way to establish peace in the region. Are we blind to the fact that Arafat says in English to the UN, "we are doing everything we can to stop the incidents of terrorism, but we are blocked by continuing Israeli incursions," then turns around and calls in Arabic for the glory of a million martyrs? If we believe that we are as stupid as he thinks.

Our esteemed president has single-handedly done more to help the cause of terrorists everywhere than they could ever hope to by themselves. By declaring "war" on terrorism, he has legitimized the methods that they employ. They now have the status of fighting for a legitimate cause, of rising up against oppressors. They see now that terrorism creates the response of getting their cause international public attention. They are no longer considered criminals and murderers, but "soldiers" fighting for their homeland.

What it boils down to is this: the Palestinians were given their homeland; they were greedy; they gave up their rights.

If we, as Americans, continue this charade and legitimize the Palestinian terrorist movement, we open up Pandora's box for every yahoo across the globe with access to arms. How long before someone like Osama gets a nuke? It is about time Americans realized where our real interests lay. We have to start thinking long-term ramifications of what is going on over there, and we had better do it quickly. Whatever we let happen to Israel is going to come right back to us. And it is not just about the Jews. Right now, the Palestinians are planning to build a mosque right near the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. One can read graffiti on the walls in Bethlehem, which is under Palestinian control: "First the Saturday people (the Jews), then the Sunday people (the Christians)" (New York Times Magazine, December 24, 1995). In Iran, if they are allowed to continue their development of weapon technologies, they will most likely have the capability to launch ICBMs within 10 years. That means INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-LISTIC MISSILES. WHO DO YOU THINK IS NEXT?

So, hopefully, you are asking yourself, 'Well, what am I supposed to do about it?'

First, you can write to your elected (debatable) officials, and urge them to do what they can to support Israel, and to halt negotiations with Arafat and the rest of the terrorist groups. Urge them to stop selling weaponry to Arab states. Do what you can to support Israel's qualitative military superiority in the region. This can be done most directly by sending funds to the Israeli military. A quick trip to http://www.jpost.com will provide you with ways to do so.

Next, you can stop indirectly supporting the countries that perpetuate terrorism, namely the oil-producing states. If you need a truck, get one that runs diesel. They are easily convertible to run on vegetable oils. Do you really need to snowmobile? Does the thrill of racing noisily across the field justify the fact that terrorists are getting rich from the money we spend on gas? What the oil industry does not want you to know is that a hybrid system of wind/solar power sources can effectively replace the power needs of a standard home, and at a lower overall cost. The most effective thing that we can do in our everyday lives to stop the progression of terrorism is to take more responsibility to be more environmentally aware, to do things like recycle plastics, which are petroleum based, to not use so much gas, to turn off lights and appliances when we are not using them. We need to take more responsibility for our place in the global picture.

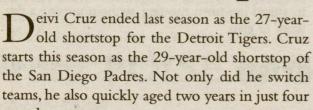
And remember: there can be NO negotiations with terrorists. We cannot allow them to pressure us into conceding to their demands in the interest of peace. If you look at the history books, you might notice that the rest of Europe made an agreement to relinquish Czechoslovakia in the interest of halting the takeover of their countries, mollifying a terrorist for peace. That deal was made with Hitler.

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Inside Pitch

Foreign ballplayers face more challenges than ever in pursuing big-league dreams



The Cuban-born Cruz is one of 30 major leaguers who once used fake paperwork to get into the United States. In countries like Cuba, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic, baseball is life to many youngsters.

"They have the same dreams. If you don't have the same dream, then you wouldn't be able to get here. Especially the hot beds for baseball, like the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. These places live and breathe baseball," says Los Angeles Dodgers' outfielder Shawn Green. He explains that they do whatever it takes to get into the United States, even if it means providing a fake birth certificate.

Foreign players now are going to have a tougher time accomplishing their dreams. Since the September 11 attacks, immigration has been significantly more strict. Future baseball stars are going through background checks like they never have before. Even players who made it in successfully before the terrorist attacks are being required to provide accurate and updated paperwork. This is why players like Cruz, once young guys in the prime of their career, are suddenly pushing 30.

There are many obstacles facing a foreign player once he arrives, both on and off the field.

Whether it is with the media or coaches, players are asked to regularly speak a language with which they are unfamiliar.

"The communication can take awhile," says former Chicago Cubs manager Jim Riggleman. "By the time they get to the big leagues, they go through the minor leagues. This is where they're indoctrinated to the system, and I think that they handle it fine."

Boston Red Sox ace and Dominican native Pedro Martinez has, at times, let his words get him in trouble. Martinez says that he is still learning English, and his words are often misconstrued. This is the case for many players, and is why many teams offer language courses for those who need

"Baseball has taken steps to help foreign players assimilate into the United States," says Rick Oliver of the Major League Baseball Scouting Bureau. "Some of the organizations have English classes for the kids and teach them about the American culture. This is just so they don't get caught short on something that may be part of their culture, but isn't acceptable here."

The everyday cultural barriers are quite a challenge. Managers like Riggleman witness this on a daily basis. "Socially, there are so many things they need help with. Ordering food in restaurants, the public transit, the money system, and moving into a new home, there are so many things they need help with. These days, usually they get it," he

Many foreign players come from communi-

ties stricken with poverty. Red Sox slugger Manny Ramirez is the second-highest paid player in baseball, which is light-years away from his upbringing in the Dominican Republic. Ramirez and his siblings grew up having to sleep on the floor of his family's one room home. He told ESPN: The Magazine that he was breast-fed until age four because the drinking water was so filthy.

"Some of the countries are so impoverished, that this looks like a great way to live; a great way to make a living. I think it's a great opportunity for them," says Oliver.

Americans dream of playing in the big leagues for different reasons. They grow up pretending to be their favorite players and remember watching games on television regularly. While foreign players may still have a love for the game, they have more of an opportunity to help their family and community. "I wouldn't think they have the passion for it early on as young children as Americans have," says Riggleman. "They realize they can make a living doing this and do great things for their family. It is probably a little bit more business-

Major League Baseball has players who aren't familiar with the English language, American culture, and in some cases, their own ages. This makes baseball diverse and unique. Some may call it a true "World Series."

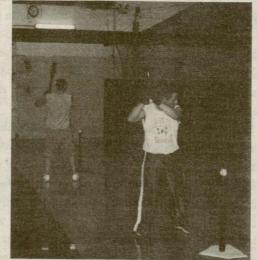
Annual Florida trip helps get Hornets set to play ball

By Jamie Norton

big part of playing baseball is the freedom of Abeing outside in the fresh air and the warm sun. However, when you play baseball in Vermont in the wintertime and early spring, that freedom is taken away at the hands of snow and cold weather. That is why the Lyndon State College baseball team raises funds all year to make its annual trip to the Sunshine State during our February break.

"Being cooped up in the gym for two months (of practice) before you get to play outside is hard," said senior co-captain Ryan Farley. "It's good to get everybody outside, get their distances down, get some live pitching outside. I think those are a lot of benefits."

The baseball team flew down to Florida for February vacation and spent a week playing ball in the hot sun. It was quite a change from taking ground balls off the hardwood floor in the gym and hitting from a closed-in batting net, as they had been doing since the beginning of the spring



Senior Ryan Farley (foreground) hones his batting skills on a tee during a recent indoor practice. The Hornets were happy to get the opportunity to practice outdoors when they went to Florida over February vacation. (page 5) Junior Jared Carlson

semester in January.

"We got a lot of practicing outside and everything, and that's really beneficial when you have to practice in the gym for three months," said junior Jared Carlson. "We got to see some live pitching, got to see some live hitting, got some live fielding in. The best practice is the real thing, and we got plenty of that down there."

They sure did. On top of four games, the Hornets were out on the field, practicing hard for five to six hours a day. They generally had a morning practice session and an afternoon session on days they didn't have games, so they got a good workout.

"I'm really happy with our team right now," said freshman Chris Mongeon, who called the trip an "unbelievable experience. Teams down there are so great."

Lyndon faced off against opponents from much larger schools such as Bates and Warner South and went 0-4. But the point of the games was not necessarily to get victories, but rather to get experience playing outside on a baseball diamond and adjusting to real distances and speeds,

IN THE

CHEAP SEATS

With Jamie Norton

Major League Baseball 2002: My Fearless Predictions

lthough we here in Northeast Vermont are Astill battling occasional 20-degree temperatures and a blanket of snow that won't go away, I can't help but feel that springtime warmth in the air. The anxiety that has built up through a long winter is slowly melting away as the warm sun in Arizona and Florida has brought to us that beautiful time of year that any avid baseball fan awaits in bloodthirsty anticipation. It's spring training.

With the arrival of your favorite baseball players on your favorite baseball teams, of course, is the baggage of those annoying preseason predictions made by every writer or analyst under the cold, snowy sun. The conspiracy is apparent every spring as anyone who has an opinion and has the power to get that opinion published jumps at the chance to tell you why your team bites and why the Yankees are going to win the World Series again.

Well, because I am the only person on this campus who has the guts to show his face at the Critic and write about sports, I now have that power (jealous? Probably not), and I will use that power to my advantage as I present to you "Jamie's Fearless Predictions." Of course, I'm not going to do one of those boring preseason picks where I say, "this team is going to finish in this place and why." It's been done. I'm going to tell you what REALLY is going to happen this year (as long as you define "really" as "not really"). Read on to find out what to expect from around the major leagues this season.

In a cost-cutting move, the Arizona Diamondbacks put their entire pitching staff on waivers, except for Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, and Byung-Hyun Kim. Johnson puts up a 55-6 record, Schilling goes 48-2, while Kim, with his 51 losses (including 48 game-winning home runs) insists he is not affected by last year's World Series flops.

In light of Cal Ripken's and Tony Gwynn's respective retirements, the Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres offer free season tickets to any fan who still actually gives a chirp that the teams even exist. No interest is expressed.

After disclosing that he is actually 23, not 21, Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal decides to come completely clean. He subsequently reveals that he prefers Coke, not Pepsi, that he is actually 6-foot-5, not 5-foot-10, and that he is actually a lap-dancing transvestite from Kokomo.

To promote the Red Sox' "new, friendlier atmosphere," the new Boston owners continue to make drastic changes. They assign numbered clown suits for uniforms, place a Slip'n'Slide in center field, and require the use of beach balls instead of baseballs at every home game.

Cuddly Cub Sammy Sosa hops around the bases after hitting his record-breaking 74th home run, but gets the cold shoulder when he looks for a hug from surly Barry Bonds. Sosa eventually finds old buddy Mark McGwire pouting in a corner saying, "Nobody loves me anymore."

The Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, and Minnesota Twins endure a three-team dogfight for the AL Central division title all season long. Finally, when all three are in a first-place tie on the last day of the season, they come to an agreement that none of them are good enough to be in the playoffs anyway, so they all shake hands, pack up their things, and go home.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki wins his second straight MVP award for doing nothing. While nobody in the league can understand why such an average player gets so much the Baseball recognition, Association of America thinks the answer is obvious - he's got a cool name.

The Oakland A's tell everybody that they'll do just fine without their former slugger Jason Giambi. Then, as every other team is rolling around on the ground laughing, the A's win the division. Giambi, in the meantime, gains 45 pounds playing at Yankee Stadium, as the only exercise he ever gets is his one or two daily trots around the bases. The Yankees won't win the World Series, however, because I said so.

AND FINALLY, in their final season as a major league ball club, the Montreal Expos win the 2002 World Series. But amidst their post-game celebration, winning pitcher Carl Pavano and Series MVP Vladimir Guerrero find themselves dodging the pigs that seem to have sprouted wings. Meanwhile, snow shovels become a popular commodity down in Hell.

So there you have it. Until next time, so long ... so short.

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something they couldn't get while playing inside.

"As far as hitting goes, picking up the ball's a lot eas-(outside)," Carlson explained. "Fielding a fly ball, you can actually get a decent fly ball as opposed to a ball that's only 30 or 40 feet in the air. Ground balls take different hops so you have to prepare

for anything. Base running, the distances are 90 feet, as opposed to maybe 75, 80 feet. So you're getting the whole thing instead of only half of it inside."

Another benefit of going to Florida as a group, Farley added, is "bringing the team together for a week." That way, he said, "you can really focus on the game."

The guys, however, did not spend so much

time focusing on playing baseball that they forgot be there. We have at least six starters that could where they were. What would a trip to the really give us quality starts. It's all going to come Sunshine State be without taking in the sunshine? During the hours that weren't devoted to playing or practicing, they hung out at the beach and other sites exclusive to the Floridian atmosphere, such as Major League Baseball's spring training. They spent a day at the New York Yankees' complex and watched the Yanks' first workout of the

The team hopes to use its experiences down in Florida when the actual season begins. They open the season at Fisher College on March 20, and have their home opener scheduled for April 2. With a strong pitching staff and some good hitters, they should improve on last season's 5-22 performance.

"Out of the four years I've been here, this is the best squad that we've had," Farley emphasized. "The hitting's great, the pitching's going to

down to if we make the plays in the field. We'll keep our fingers crossed."

"The team looks really good," said Carlson, one of the pitchers Farley mentioned. "It's got a lot of veterans back, a couple seniors, some good freshmen. We'll have a real solid team this year ... (the Florida trip) was definitely a good time, and it was definitely a benefit to us."



"O" - A movie for a rainy afternoon

By Carrissa Larsen

This movie was loosely based on the Shakespearian tragedy "Othello." Like the remake of "Romeo and Juliet" a few years ago, it was clearly aimed at a younger audience in an attempt to make a Shakespearian storyline easier to grasp.

The setting for "O" is a small private high school where we are quickly introduced to the main characters in the story via a basketball awards ceremony. Odin is the young star of the basketball team, a favorite of his coach and teammates, and the only African-American student at the exclusive school. Odin's girlfriend Dessie sits in the stands as a staunch supporter, showing her love and devotion by sitting through his basketball games. The coach's son, and Odin's teammate, Hugo is a sneaky and unkempt character who's jealousy of Odin is revealed quickly in the first few scenes.

Other characters soon emerge. There is Mike, Dessie's good friend and Odin's close teammate. Roger is an unpopular rich kid with a desire to be with Dessie. Then there is Emily, Dessie's roommate and best friend, a girl who is also involved with Hugo. There are a few other minor characters

that float around, but these are the ones who really matter.

The story unfolds around Hugo's jealousy, following the extreme measures he is willing to go to in order to destroy Odin and gain recognition in the eyes of his father. Hugo's talents lie in his ability to manipulate everyone around him and avoid any suspicion. Everyone trusts him even though he is a dark, sneaky steroid user who slinks around looking un-bathed.

Hugo decides to break up Dessie and Odin as the way to break down Odin and get the attention he craves. He moves around, pulling the strings of everyone around them in order to achieve what he wants.

Overall, the story line was decent, as it had the strength of Shakespeare to lean on. Unfortunately, the acting was very wooden, making it hard to form any kind of strong attachment to the characters, which was surprising considering the strong cast full of experienced actors. The dialogue was forced and predictable, trying hard to make light of heavy racial issues with offhand indees.



While this movie may not ever win an Oscar, it may be worth the time if you are seeking to kill some time. The ending is typical of Shakespearian tragedy with a high body count, which makes it interesting to sit through if only to see who is left standing. So, if you missed it when it was shown recently by CAB, you may not be missing much, but keep it in mind if your stuck home some rainy afternoon.



Schedule of Events

March 1-31 – Elizabeth Nelson art exhibit in Catamount Art's main gallery. Gallery opens weekdays from 1-6 p.m. and weekends before and after films.

March18 - Concert for St.

Patrick's Day, featuring traditional
Irish music in celebration of the
day. Noon, Alexander Twilight

March 20 – CAB will be showing "The Goonies" in the Alexander Twilight Theater at 9 p.m.

March 21- Jason Levasseur-Coffeehouse. Talented musician will perform at 9 p.m. in Steven's Dining Hall.

March 22-28 - "The Royal Tenenbaums" showing at

Catamount Arts.

March 23 – Annual inter-mountain snowshoe race at Burke
Mountain. Registration will be at
6 p.m. in the base lodge.

March 23 – Jen Cohen, a talented and well-known singer, will perform in the Alexander Twilight Theater at 8 p.m. Students need tickets in advance.

March 23 – Cobalt Blue will be performing at Burkie's Bar starting at 9 p.m. Must be 21 to attend.

March 26 – The hip-hop poet
Baba will be performing at Stevens
Dining Hall at 9 p.m.

March 27 – CAB will be showing "The Spy Game" in the Alexander Twilight Theater at 9 p.m.

March 29-April 4 - "No Man's Land" showing at Catamount Arts. Calendar of Events

March 30 – Pond skimming competition at Burke Mountain. All day events.

April 5-11 - "Monster's Ball" showing at Catamount Arts.



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How to make a fortune by moving your furniture

By Carrissa Larsen

Peng Shui. While many people still don't recognize these two words it is something that has been gaining popularity recently. Stars such as Madonna, Cher, Courtney Cox, George Clooney, and Johnny Depp use it in their homes and Oprah Winfrey raves about it on her show and in her magazine. So what is it?

Feng Shui has been classified as an art, a religion, and a science. It has been chalked up to a New Age fad by many and revered as a life-changing experience by others. It is a hard thing to classify, but serious Feng Shui practitioners consider it a sound branch of philosophy.

The origins of Feng Shui can be traced back to China over four thousand years ago, mentioned in some of the earliest writings that exist from that culture. Translated to mean "wind and water," Feng Shui is a system of working with nature to bring harmony and prosperity to your personal environment.

While it would be impossible to encompass all of the intricacies that make up Feng Shui in any-

thing less than a heavy book, there are a few basic principals on which it revolves. Compasses are the foundation of constructing a sound environment through Feng Shui. Each direction has an elemental nature and colors attached to it, which are all a part of coordinating environmental harmony. They facilitate the movement of Chi, or positive energy, which Feng Shui seeks to generate.

In creating a harmonious environment, an excruciating number of factors have to be considered. The landscapes that your home is surrounded by, from the shape of the mountains to what kind of road it is near, are all very crucial. Large objects should not block the view of the front, sunlight should not reflect off it anywhere, and no objects should cut through viewing it from the outside.

Moving to the inside, sharp corners are always a no-no. They harbor negative energy and should be softened in any number of creative ways. Front and back doors should not be aligned, or any Chi brought into the house will immediately leave through the back door. Toilet lids should also be kept shut at all times when not in use to prevent escaping Chi. Your bed should be placed facing a doorway, and objects in the bedroom should be placed in pairs to promote harmony and balance in relationships.

These are only a very few examples of all things that need to be taken in account when constructing a harmonious environment using Feng Shui. Other examples include placing your money in red envelopes and using mirror placement to reflect energies in the home. It is a practice that focuses on everything from the mood you are in while cooking your family dinner to the mountain sitting in your backyard.

While the effectiveness of Feng Shui is debatable, many people swear by it, including some professors from Lyndon State College. Poohpoohed by many as a passing trend, with fourthousand years of history behind it, it is safe to say that Feng Shui will not be disappearing anytime soon, which makes it well worth looking into for anyone who is interested.

September 11 survivor speaks at Lyndon State College

By Meaghan Meachem

On Thursday, February 28, 2002, Theresa Pauling, nine year employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and '78 graduate of Lyndon State College, spoke to a crowd of about 30 people in the Burke Mountain Room. Pauling was in her office the morning of September 11 and experienced the nation's disaster firsthand. "It was absolute chaos," she said.

Pauling went to work on that morning like she would any other morning. She heard through a co-worker that a plane had hit the first tower, and actually witnessed the second plane crashing into the second tower.

But it is not the fact that two national symbols came crashing down to the ground on that morning. Pauling deals with immigrants coming into the United States every day, and she finds that the system needs to be polished. Aliens of the country can exceed their stay of five years and the INS would never know that they never left the country. She said, "Some cases of students who don't show up to school make you think that they could be part of a terrorist group. You have to suspect everything, especially after September 11."

Pauling lost two friends after the disaster. She said that she will never forget the horror of that day, and how it changed her life. She said, "We're all in this together." Those important words stuck with the audience.



Congratulations Dave Truedson for a lirst-place win in the Burke Mountain Big Air competition.

7th Annual Cultural Festival leaves a good taste in the mouth

By Siobhon O'Hea

Students and faculty were given the opportunity to experience a little cultural diversity at Lyndon State College's Annual Cultural Festival in the Student Center on March 4 and 5.

A wide variety of dishes from all across the world were served buffet style from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. both days of the festival. The food was free of charge for the staff and students; all other patrons were asked to make small donations. Countries from every region of the globe were represented in the menu: the dishes ranged from Tuscan bean salad to Italian chocolate mousse. The food was prepared by Associate of Psychology Lori Professor Werdenshlag's cross cultural psychology class, and by several other professors across campus.

Most students felt the food was a

nice change from their normal Aramark choices. "Free food? Count me in," said freshman Chris White, who particularly enjoyed the tofu sushi.

Besides the ethnic food offered, there was a display of many Japanese artifacts and selections of cultural music. On March 5, there was an exhibition of Middle Eastern belly dancing by Alia Thabit, a member of the LSC writing staff.

Overall, the festival was well received by the LSC community, many students expressed that culture was important, and they would like to see more culturally diverse functions on campus in the future. After attending the festival, senior Elia Nichols said "hold on to your culture; culture shouldn't be forgotten." Many other students shared his feelings and hoped that this is just a taste of more to come.

The festival was organized by Werdenshlag, who has been involved with this event for the last seven years, in an effort to raise cultural awareness throughout the LSC campus.

Up in smoke: JSC and LSC dorms to be tobacco free

By Isaac Olson
Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

Citing safety and health issues, Dean of Students Ron Chesbrough said that, starting in the fall, Lyndon State College and Johnson State College dormitories will become tobacco smoke-free.

The main concerns are safety and liability issues surrounding the fire hazard of smoking, according to Chesbrough, who pointed out that most college campuses across the nation have been making or already have made the move to smoke-free dorms. For example, Castleton went smoke free two years ago. Chesbrough also pointed out that there had been an inconsistency in the policies.

Chesbrough has reviewed admissions data from other smoke-free schools and feels confident that the change will not greatly affect admissions considering that all the other smoke-free schools are "bursting at the seams with dorm students...a problem we'd like to have," he said.

First and second hand smoke are extremely unhealthy. That is not the primary reason for the change; however, Chesbrough did point out that health issues are a concern. "We don't expect people will up and quit smoking," Chesbrough said. "But,

there will be information and support available for students that want to quit."

That help will come from a variety of sources. Coordinator of the Lamoille Valley Tobacco Task Force Amy Shollenberger said, "Right now the resources that are available [to people that want to quit smoking] are mostly at Copley hospital. Students can acquire them by either coming here and talking to one of the counselors and then get referred or they could call Copley directly." She also pointed out that the 1-877-YES-QUIT line is available to anyone over the age of 18.

"Johnson State College is working with Copley and also with the local Tobacco Task Force to increase the support services that will be available," Shollenberger said. "One of the discussions in the works is to bring a cessation program actually onto the campus so students wouldn't have to go Copley hospital."

A cessation program is a support group that meets for an hour each week and lasts eight to ten weeks. The group can be composed of anywhere between three and twelve people.

"There is a curriculum for it so each week you work on a specific topic," Shollenberger said.

The first couple weeks are dedicated to preparing

the individuals by warning their families, roommates, and friends about the change. Then the group quits together and meets to discuss specific topics and support each other. Usually at the end of the program the quitters receive a certificate of completion.

Shollenberger said that support for quitters is free. It is funded by the state of Vermont and additional grants that Copley has received.

Through the services offered at Copley quitters can acquire a twelve week supply of nicotine patches free of cost.

Bringing a cessation group onto campus is still in the works, but Copley is willing to do it as long as there are enough students wanting to participate, according to Shollenberger.

JSC freshman Sean M. Cullen is against the idea of having smoke-free dorms. "Smoking tobacco products in our dorm rooms should certainly remain permitted as a way to guarantee that the on-campus student population is entitled to their personal privacy," he said.

VSC accused of exploitation of faculty* continued from pg 2

ments of full-time faculty can't begin to explain that gap."

Luna was concerned with likely effects on students of the potentially rising number of part-time faculty at LSC, as the new policy allows for a much greater portion of courses to be taught by part-time faculty. "It's not good for the students to have a majority of part-time faculty as opposed to full-time faculty, because part-time faculty are not here full time. They're not here to answer questions, to advise students, to get involved with clubs. They're not paid enough to come and do curriculum development, assessment of programs, things that make the college work. It's not good for the programs, it's not good for the students, it's not good for the part-timers—they're being exploited."

Again speaking for himself and President Moore, Fishbein said that the policy was instated in the best interest of the students. "[The policy] embraces the important idea that our academic programs can be enriched by augmenting the full-time faculty with qualified adjuncts." The original policy, he said, "embodied a parochial belief that adjunct faculty offered little value to the students or the college. Under that policy, adjunct faculty were to be employed as rarely as possible."

Fishbein praised the full-time faculty at LSC, but said that they were unable to cover "every specialty in every discipline. Adjunct faculty add the value of expertise."

Sturm pointed out that a part-time instructor by necessity is less invested in an institution, since he or she is more likely to be holding down another job. Also, a person "not getting paid a fair rate" is less likely to be concerned with upholding the standards of, or committing him or herself entirely to, a given institution.

Both Luna and Sturm were quick to point out that their comments had no reflection on the performance of the part-time faculty at LSC: "We have a great many part-time faculty members who are very qualified and do a great job and on whom we depend," said Sturm. "I hope that this kind of policy change doesn't pit the full-time faculty against the part-time faculty, in which we're all trying to defend our contributions to the college. Most full-time faculty members understand the

need to have a cadre of part-time faculty members. And if this cadre were paid appropriately, and had proportionate benefits. . . if the VSC were not able to save a bundle by exploiting them, I think no one would have a problem."

Luck also pointed out that it is not necessary to consider the situation a battle between full-and part-time instructors. "We share common concerns," he said. "Our gripe should not be with each other but with higher education as an institution."

Students, Luna said, will be affected by a shift to more part-time instructors. "I think that students are frustrated when they can't find their faculty. There also could be less consistency in the programs—I work hard to make sure there is some consistency in the writing program, but it's hard. Part-timers aren't paid to come to meetings to talk about curriculum."

Luna also expressed concern that some parttime faculty are hired because of a particular area of expertise, but as they are no longer required to have any experience or an advanced degree, they could conceivably become instructors with no experience or training in teaching.

Thabit agreed. "A possible negative effect is that there is no provision for the education of part-timers. You generally have some faith in the people who are making decisions, that they're going to make good decisions. But they are not obliged anymore to make careful decisions, to make decisions based on education."

However, Thabit did not feel that the problem would be a large one: "We all have resumes," she said. "Our education is listed on them. I don't think the college is going to want to hire [people who are not qualified] because it's just going to be a big waste of time, because they'll just end up having to let them go sooner or later."

Luck offered another perspective, pointing out that there are in fact a number of LSC professors who do not have, and are not required to have, advanced degrees: "We need to keep this in perspective—the idea of requiring part-timers to have them [advanced degrees] is not really consistent."

Thabit pointed out that positive consequences are possible. "The popular fiction," she

said, "is that part-timers just do this a little bit, and this is just egg money for them. The reality is that for most of the people I know who do this kind of thing, this is their *job*, this is what they do. And having it changed to a regular assignment, I hope, may be a foot in the door for the union to be able to get more benefits for part-timers, because they have none."

On the other hand, Thabit suggested, "the fact that they want to open up larger areas to the use of part-time faculty sounds like a great resistance to that. They would like to have more people who will work for less, to whom they will not have to give benefits. They're also allowing more responsibility for the part-time faculty, and I'm curious to see how the part-time faculty will be compensated for that. Because right now you're pretty much just paid to teach your class, period."

Part-time faculty find themselves in the constant and awkward state of not knowing from one semester to the next whether they will be employed. While they are allowed to teach up to 11 credits per semester, it is equally possible that if a class does not fill to the minimum required enrollment, a part-time instructor may suddenly find him or herself out of a job. "That often happens to part-time faculty," said Thabit. This problem is exacerbated by the fact that a part-time position is paid by the credit. If a part-time instructor is scheduled to teach three classes, and only two of them run, he or she will be paid only two-thirds of the initial amount.

"There is a serious ethical issue here," said MacDowell. "VSC's earlier policy was clearly designed to guard against exploitation of, and staffing dependence on, part-time faculty. The new policy not only sanctions the exploitation and dependency that had already been occurring, despite those contractual protections; it opens the door to more of it."

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Chancellor's comments make faculty angry

By Marina Cole

Chancellor Robert Clarke's comments before a Vermont House Appropriations Committee have sparked harsh criticism from faculty in the Vermont State College system.

Clarke's comments to legislators were quoted in the February 27 issue of the Burlington Free

Press [see insert]. When asked why faculty work only 12 hours a week when most do not do research, Clarke explained the workload was set in the faculty contract. "You might want to rethink that strategy," Representative Frank Mazur told Clarke, and Clarke responded, "yes."

But what Clarke called "a very simple statement which happened to be reported by the media," has made many faculty members angry. They got a chance to express their feelings at a question and answer session with the chancellor following his legislators' breakfast on March 25 [see story].

"We are expected to carry out research," Associate Professor of English Richard Moye told Clarke. "If you knew what the faculty around here actually did," said Moye, "you'd know."

Moye continued to point out that to teach his 12 hours of classes a week, he spends over 60

hours in research and preparation. "That's a lot of work, and when you don't acknowledge that, it makes me very angry," said Moye. Other professors shared similar schedules and sentiments.

"How long does it take to simply say to Representative Mazur, 'Our faculty and staff and administration work extraordinarily hard'?" Tim Sturm, Professor of Special Education, asked

The source of controversy

"[Rep. Frank] Mazur wanted Clarke to

explain why Vermont State College's

faculty teach only 12 to 13 hours a

week, since most of them are not

expected to carry out research. Clarke

said the maximum course load was set

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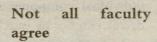
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Clarke said, "It is not the time or the place in a house appropriations committee to get into a dialogue about workload or the defense of faculty workload."



The LSC faculty disagreed. "It's not an argument before the representative, it's simply stating the facts of what your responsibilities are, and stating the facts of what our responsibilities are,"

Professor of English Alan Boye told Clarke. "Why is it inappropriate to say, 'Wait a minute, Representative [Mazur]. They (faculty) do do scholarship.'?"

"I do not think that was the forum for that," responded Clarke. Clarke also said during the



Faculty members have criticized
Chancellor Clarke for his comments
before a Vermont House
Appropriations Committee.
Photo by Marina Cole

forum that he was "not negative to faculty" but was "only saying we will be addressing workload in the contract."

Not all faculty members believe it, was a "simple statement," however. In an e-mail to faculty dated March 20, Sturm wrote, "Please note that the Vermont legislature is the final arbiter of any contract dispute between the Vermont State Colleges and our Faculty Federation. Chancellor Clarke knows full well the potential impact of his statements."

"You're distorting it in what the actual conversation was," Clarke said in the forum of his testimony before the appropriations committee. He went on to explain that "If I was asked the same questions in the same format that I was at

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New course numbers, same registration process

By Jon Prendergast

This spring's class registration process will have some minor changes. Probably the most noticeable one will be the change in the course numbers.

When students at Lyndon State College return from spring break, registration for the 2002 fall semester will begin. The biggest alteration in the registration process this spring is the change in course numbers. All the course numbers will be changed, says Professor of Meteorology Bruce Berryman. For instance, the course Television Weathercasting has a present course number of MET405. The new course number will be MET4010. The new course numbers will have the same three-letter abbreviations as before, but the number identification will be longer.

Sign ups for classes will not really change. Students will still get advisor meeting notifications in their mailboxes. Students then meet with advisors, and sign up for classes. The difference from before, for some students, is that the student may have had to bring a PDQ to the registrar's office to register for classes. Instead, advisors will now be able to sign students up online in the privacy of the advisor's office. The registration process will be totally online, says Berryman. The only person who has access to sign up online for classes is the student's official advisor. To avoid problems, students should know who their advisor is.

Students will not see most of the changes taking place. A new database is being installed and used. This database is part of the Student & Administrative Services Initiative, known as SASI. The advantage for the new system is that it is

going to be used in all the Vermont State Colleges. Initially, the change to the new registration will be harder, says Registrar Karen Santorello. The main reason is the new database being used. It will take some time to learn the new system, a point and click system instead of the old command system, says Santorello. Santorello believes the change will be for the better and in the end will enable the registrar to see more information and make course searches easier. Transfer credits will be more easily handled, especially within the VSC system. Instead of reading through course catalogs and comparing courses, the program will give the course equivalencies.

This is just the first phase of the new registration process. It is hoped that eventually students will be able to sign themselves up for their courses online.

LSC brown out gets the creative juices flowing

By Abigail Stoutimore

tudents at Lyndon State College were in the dark The night of March 14 - literally. Power at the college was scarce, beginning at approximately 4 p.m. that evening.

"I came back to my room, and my CD player didn't work and I didn't know why. Then I noticed that my lights weren't working either. My suite mate told me that the power wasn't working," said freshman Kate Powell, a graphic design major.

Resident assistants told other students they should turn off their computers and unplug any electronics in order to protect their possessions from power surges that may occur during the evening.

James Gallagher, Director of Physical Plant, stat-

ed that the loss of power LSC experienced is called a 'brown out.' Brown outs occur when some power is still available, and some electric devices will work, but not to their full potential. "Your lights may work, but they will blink on and off. Nothing runs with full power." According to Gallagher, this inconsistency will damage any electronic equipment that is plugged into an electrical socket.

The brown out occurred due to a problem with power substation on Pudding Hill at Central Vermont Power Company, says Gallagher Power users had to wait until early morning for a new substation to be shipped up to Lyndonville from Rutland. Power was back on by about 5 a.m. the next morning.

Due to the brown out, students at LSC did not have access to many of the modern day conveniences that they use habitually, such as television, the phone, and Instant Messenger on their computers. However, many found alternative activities to keep themselves occupied throughout the evening. Approximately twenty students held a sleepover in the Wheelock dormitory, where students played truth or dare and spin the bottle, said sophomore Justin Kissell, a physical education major. It "brought out our inner child... the (brown out) caused the entire school to come up with creative things," Kissell said.

Sophomore TVS major Lindsey Cahoon recalls a similar experience. "We played Monopoly with flashlights in Whitelaw. It was a blast."

Information Tech gives a no-go for student laptops

By Matthiew Otis

rirculating rumors that suggest students at Lyndon State College may receive laptop computers from Information Technology are false. There is such a program in Massachusetts, and the idea presented itself in Vermont. The IT Department decided against it. Linda Hilton, Assistant Dean of Information Technology and head of IT for VSC schools, says the reason for this decision was due to costs and programs for each laptop. Hilton felt that since "one size does not fit all," that it would be impossible to go out and customize each laptop for each student, especially those within the graphics department. Hilton stated that the computers were also unnecessary because 90 percent of students on campus at LSC already have computers. Also, Hilton claims that, "(LSC) provides more computers on campus than the national average."

Though IT does not participate in the laptop purchasing program, the department has been taking part in the Dell Purchasing Program, which was implemented over the Christmas break. This program has aided students with the opportunity to purchase computers. The program assists those who come to school without one or just need an upgrade. The program offers a \$200 to \$300 reduction on the cost of Dell hardware. However, individual components, such as re-writable CD drives, can not be purchased by themselves. Hilton and IT are attempting to negotiate a similar deal

with Apple, but Apple currently offers \$10 to \$12 discount off of the cost of hardware. IT hopes to generate a better deal out of Apple, equaling that of Dell, in the future.

The Dells that replaced the old ones in the 24-hour lab will be given to the faculty. Hilton said that there is a new policy where all faculty members must have a computer at a certain standard by July 1. The old Dells met the standard and therefore will be given to faculty. The Apples that were replaced earlier were removed to the side of the maintenance building. The old Apples were placed in a recycling program, where computers that can not be used anymore are rebuilt.

LSC establishes first Women in Radio and TV chapter

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s the first college in the nation to establish an American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) chapter, Lyndon State College sent two students and one adjunct faculty member to the AWRT conference in Tampa, Fla. Meaghan Meachem, a sophomore from Jamaica, Vt., and Amanda Post, a junior from Parkman, Maine, attended the conference with LSC Director of Telecommunications Darlene Bolduc on the first weekend in March. The LSC AWRT chapter is being set up now and will take in its first official members in the fall.

During the conference, the LSC women were invited to take part in the meeting of the AWRT northeast chapter where their help was solicited on the formation of other college chapters and the recruitment of new members.

Bolduc, who initiated the establishment of the LSC AWRT chapter, believes membership will bring a host of new possibilities to LSC women television majors. "Our students will have access to more and higher quality internship positions and will benefit from expanded networking contacts to

PIFTY TEARS (

Audrey Tanzer, Northeast Director for AWRT; Beth Robinson VP of Broadcast Operations for CBS Radio/Westwood One; Amanda Post of Parkman, Me., TVS student; LSC Director of Telecommunications Darlene Bolduc, Meaghan Meachem of Jamaica, Vt., TVS student.

help get them started in their careers," she explained.

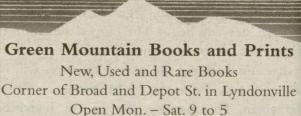
The leadership of the AWRT is very excited about establishing a student chapter at LSC and plans to use the LSC group as a model for expanding the college program. Working with the LSC

> women are AWRT board members Beth Robinson, vice president of operations for CBS Radio/Westwood One, and Audrey Tanzer, a consultant and Northeast Area Director for AWRT.

> The AWRT is a 50-year-old organization providing a voice for women in the electronic media and allied fields.







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Area legislators breakfast with the chancellor

By Marina Cole

The Vermont State Legislature has not kept its I commitment to funding the Vermont State Colleges in whole or significant part.

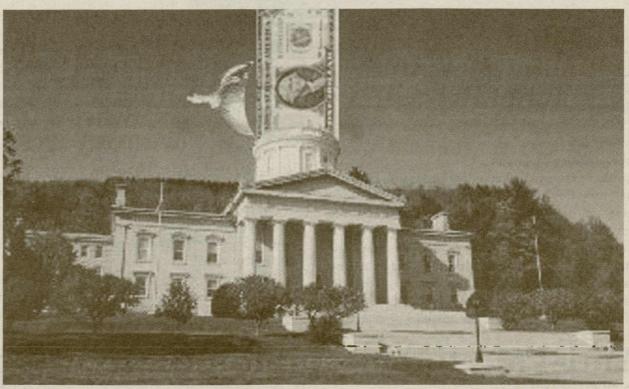
Vermont ranks 49th in the country for state appropriations per \$1000 of disposable personal income. It would take more than a 77% increase in state funding to reach the national average.

That was the message from Chancellor Robert Clarke at the annual Legislators' Breakfast Monday, March 25, held in the dining hall at Lyndon State College. During his presentation to area legislators, Clarke pointed out that in fiscal year 2002, only 31% of the VSC budget came from state appropriations.

"The first key for us is the first five words of the mission statement: for the benefit of Vermont. We are the only colleges in this country that have 'for the benefit of Vermont' as the first five words of our mission statement," said Clarke.

The system serves approximately one out of every five Vermonters, according to Clarke. The VSC is the largest college in Vermont, said Clarke. Over 82% of the VSC students are Vermonters, 66% of whom are first-generation college students.

"Post-secondary education is not a nicety today; post-secondary education is a necessity," said Clarke. As such, it should be supported by the legislature.



Chancellor Clarke lobbied Northeast Kingdom legislators for funds at LSC's Annual Legislator's Breakfast March 25.

Photo illustration by Matt Jenness and Matt Kaier.

After the breakfast Representative Don Bostic said, "I think this year road I do," said Representative Dave our (state) budget is going to represent an increase of funding for the colleges because I think most members want it. I don't know of a single member, at least in the house, that's against funding the Vermont State Colleges."

"I don't see anyone in state government this

presentation, year that's seeing an increase. Down the Brown, who believes the events of September 11 have had a negative effect Vermont's economy. "Everyone you talk to now realizes that the state college system needs help. It's discouraging."

English students judge writers' contest

LSC PR

esponding to a request from Outdoor Writers Association member Gary Moore, Vermont State Colleges trustee and outdoor columnist for the Caledonian-Record, nine Lyndon State College students judged the Outdoor Ethics portion of the 2002 Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) Excellence in Craft competition. Moore is chief judge for the Outdoor Ethics contest, which is one of 17 categories in the competition.

Organized by LSC senior Bill Graves, a journalism/writing and literature double major from Derry, N.H., the students were divided by contest category. Judging the magazine category were Dana Amey, a junior journalism/writing and literature double major from Lyndon Center; Hannah Patenaude, a freshman psychology major from Richmond; and Graves.

Judging the newspaper category were Matthew Kaier, a senior journalism/writing major from Madison, N.J.; Jamie Norton, a junior journalism/writing major from West Rutland; and Marina Cole, a junior literature major from South Wheelock.

The art category was judged by Kiersten Ballard, a senior journalism/writing major from Littleton, N.H.; and Leslie Jenne, a sophomore journalism/writing major from Shelburne.

The OWAA is an international organization for professional communicators headquartered in Missoula, Montana.



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Vermont State Colleges need more than just money

Editorial

Chancellor Clarke's recent comments regarding the faculty workload have left many members of our faculty feeling unsupported and unappreciated. It is a situation that never should have occurred.

The chancellor's job, as he is so ready to point out, is to find money for the system. He went before the appropriations committee to fulfill his job and get the legislature to toss a few more bucks our way. However, the chancellor felt it was appropriate (his word, not mine) in doing so, to not correct misinformation believed to be true by legislators.

It does not seem to make sense that leaving legislators with the impression that VSC faculty do not work hard would encourage our lawmakers to increase state funding. It would seem, instead, that (falsely) admitting faculty do not do anything beside teach

twelve hours a week would be a reason for lawmakers to hold back funding until it was perceived that we had fixed the (nonexistent) problem. I know the chancellor prides himself in being the best fundraiser the VSC has had in a long while, but if this is part of his moneymaking strategy, I am inclined to think we must be raising money in spite of the chancellor and not because of him.

Which starts me down the path toward my point. VSC colleges are tuition driven schools. Tuition pays 67% of the bills, according to Clarke's information. To sell out the faculty's reputation in the hope of a few percentage points worth of income might be sound business practice, but on the common sense scale it ranks below stupid.

Which leads me to my point. If the chancellor's sole job is to ensure that the VSC has funds for operation, that makes Clarke an easily replaceable man.

There are lots of other people who could see to it that the VSC gets the money it needs. We could probably even find a suitable replacement who would take the time to openly support faculty while the dollar signs roll in his eyes. My guess is we could find a person who would rather anger a few lawmakers with their heads up their, um, I mean to say, would anger a few lawmakers by correcting their false impressions rather than angering the hundreds of professionals that keep the colleges in operation.

Which brings me to a clearer statement of my point. The chancellor is expendable. Much of the administration is expendable. But a college cannot do without students and professors. Students come and go, but the faculty are in it for the long haul. For that reason, Clarke had better get on with a public apology that suits the faculty before they get on with a vote of no confidence in the chancellor.

Anti-Palestinian opinion piece in poor taste

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article, "Supporting Palestine Means Supporting Terrorists," by Ari Dann, in the March 18, 2002 issue of the LSC Critic. The broad religiously slanted generalizations concerning an entire people, in this case the Palestinians, implying that they are all terrorists, is unfair and unethical. I am not disputing that there are some Palestinians who engage in terrorism and some that would like to see all Israelis and even Americans killed, but that is an extreme minority, and how many Israelis and Americans reciprocate those same feelings?

My primary fear concerning Ari Dann's piece is that LSC students will mistake it for journalism instead of the personal commentary that it is. The situation in the Middle East is much more complicated than the one-sided account that Ari Dann has presented.

I do not advocate censorship and am glad that the students of LSC have the Critic as a forum to present both popular and unpopular sentiment, but my guess is that a radically biased piece generalizing blacks as criminals would never have been printed. Since the events of 9/11, there seems to be two types of racism: acceptable and unacceptable. Although all racism is supposedly unacceptable in our current "politically correct" society, as of late it seems that racism against Arabs and Muslims has been tolerated. I feel Ari Dann's piece is an example of this new (in)tolerance.

Ari Dann's "poor slobs" remark in reference to illegal Mexican immigrants in the United States left quite a bad taste in my mouth. The suggestion that they take "our" jobs would be refuted by even the most conservative of educated people who realize that the majority of these people are extremely hard working, perform the tasks that we Americans refuse to do,

receive unbelievable low pay, and that our national and state economies have become dependent on this cheap source of labor. The comparison in which his remark is contextual is simply ridiculous.

The most disturbing part of Ari Dann's article however was his request that LSC students send their money to the Israeli military via the internet. I found this to be unbelievable. Could you imagine, LSC students sending their money to a military who is violently engaged in the occupation of and expansion into the territories of another people? Wow!

Since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 we now have an acceptable group of people to hate. In order for us to do this free of guilt, we must justify our hate by making generalizations based on the actions of some and applying them to all, even though we know what we are doing is not right. This gives us an outlet for our anger at being victimized by terrorists.

I do not advocate terrorism and in most cases I do not support state sponsored violence. However, I do recognize how some members of an oppressed group can resort to terrorism when they feel that they are out of options and do not possess the means to push their agenda "legitimately."

Targeting civilians is a deplorable tactic, but not one that has been employed one-sidedly in this conflict as Ari Dann would have us believe.

The majority of the Palestinian people are more interested in the sovereignty of their territories and resuming some sort of normal life than they are with the "destruction of the heathens." You can't define an entire people by the actions and rhetoric of its radicals

No objective analysis of the Mid-East conflict could possibly conclude that blame rests entirely with one side or the other. Unfortunately, religion has proven itself to be a detrimental factor in the interest of preserving objectivity.

I respect the right of all people to believe as they wish, so long as they do not intrude upon the rights of others to do the same.

There are no easy answers in regard to this conflict. Making cloudy issues appear black and white only makes things seem clear while perpetuating the real problems by masking them. Calling for no peace talks at all because the proposed plan was developed by Arabs is not a move in the right direction, but a call to the continuation of violence.

Sincerely, Eric Gordon Freshman LSC student

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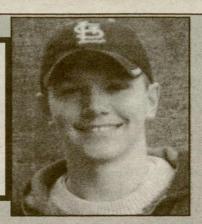
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CHEAP SEATS

With Jamie Norton



NBA injury plague has affected, well, everyone

In basketball, as much as in any other sport (and more so than in some), the loss of one key player can make a phenomenal difference. As is to be expected, the NBA has had its share of aches and pains this year. A bit more surprising, though, is the fact that the injury bug has bitten a discomforting number of superstars this season, particularly as of late, as the playoffs creep closer and regular-season games get more critical. Within the same week, Allen Iverson, Vince Carter, and Tracy McGrady all went down. All three are critical to their teams' respective late-season and post-season drives.

The bug seems to have morphed into a plague this season as it has spread from coast to coast and affected just about everybody. Even the mighty Michael Jordan, who has almost single-handedly carried the Washington Wizards into contention, went down for only the second time in his career, causing the Wiz to tumble (not coincidentally) while he was out. Jordan eventually came back, however, and struggled to play like his old (old, old) self as Washington struggled to get back into the race. Most recently, our own Boston Celtics, who have put together their best season in years, have been forced to play without starting point guard Kenny Anderson for the last few games. The twotime defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers have also been affected, as the unstoppable Shaquille O'Neal has been slowed by a persisting foot injury. He has been playing, however, but his minutes have been limited, and he will have surgery after the (Jamie Norton was forced to leave this sentence early due to stiffness in his writing hand. He is expected to miss 4-6 words).

Iverson, who led the Philadelphia 76ers into the 2001 NBA Finals and was last season's MVP, has always been known as an aggressive little guy who, at barely six-feet tall and 170 pounds (soaking wet), has led the league in scoring the last two seasons. His aggressiveness finally caught up to him, though, when he broke his hand in a game against the Celtics on March 22. He is expected to miss the rest of the regular season and come back sometime in the playoffs, provided Philly makes it far enough (Jamie Norton suffered a minor arm spasm when attempting a period. His status for the next sentence is a question mark).

Carter has been bothered by his left knee for the entire second half of the 2002 season. His Toronto Raptors, a playoff team last year, lost 17 of 19 games with Carter in and out of the lineup because of the injury. He finally broke down and had season-ending surgery as the Raptors pretty much fell off the post-season radar screen. What didn't help them, of course, was the fact that um .. what was I talking about? Hold on, um ... okay, uhh ... (The Critic reports that Jamie Norton suffered from severe writer's block and may miss the remainder of the column).

The Orlando Magic are no strangers to injury,

either. They were thrilled when they acquired Grant Hill last season, but he missed the entire season because of injury. So this year, they looked forward to putting that all behind them. Orlando was ready to unleash on the NBA one of the greatest one-two punches in the league with Hill and McGrady, when, all of a sudden, barely a few games into the season, Hill went down again – for the rest of the season. So McGrady all but carried the team all season long until – uh oh – he went down with severe back spasms. Fortunately for the Magic, he was only out a couple of days. (Jamie's return to "In the Cheap Seats" suffered a setback when, during a rough draft, he wrote three straight run-on sentences).

So, as the post-season rears its head, the query around the league is "Who's got the arsenal to walk away with the 2002 NBA championship trophy?" That question may be answered by the team who has the luck enough just to be able to walk.

("In the Cheap Seats" has lost 6 of its last 8 readers in Norton's absence. He will undergo psychological and mechanical evaluations before returning to action.)

Until next time, so long, so . . . wait, how does that go again?

Baseball coach Skip Pound calls 2002 Hornet hurlers 'the best I have ever had'

By Jamie Norton

Before the beginning of last season, Lyndon State College baseball coach Skip Pound called his pitching staff a "question mark."

That question mark can now be replaced with an exclamation point.

Senior co-captain Dave Sweet

winds up for his next pitch at a

recent practice. He is a member of

what coach Skip Pound believes will

be a very strong pitching staff this

"We have the best pitching I have ever had here," Pound says with pride. That is quite a compliment coming from someone who has coached baseball at LSC for close to two decades. "For depth and quality, we have six, seven, or eight (quality pitchers)."

Pound describes last season's ace, lefty Jared Carlson, as having "an abundance of talent," but that really could describe the entire staff. He also spoke highly of sophomore Jeremy Wheeler and senior Shep Ward and expects significant contributions from the likes of Grant Goulet, Joe Parrotte, Dave Sweet, and hard-throwing

Dave Demming, who he would like to convert into a closer.

Nevertheless, Skip is reluctant to designate who his top tossers will be throughout the season.

"On any given day, one's a little better than the other, so I

ter than the other, so I think that holds us in real good status," he says. "And we can go two, three more deep where I wouldn't hesitate to start them against anybody.

"Day in and day out, they're going to be very good. I don't think anybody that we play will be able to throw one, two, three, four, five, six pitchers of the caliber we're going to be able to throw back at them."

Dave Demming awaits the descent of a fly ball in one of the Hornets' few opportunities to

On top of a brilliant pitching staff, Skip feels that the team has a stronger base of leadership than it has had in the past. Sweet and Ryan Farley, both seniors, will again take on the

responsibility of team captains, a role they had last season but took on apprehensively, according to coach

Pound.

"They've been with the program a number of years, they know what it's like, they seem comfortable with it," he explains. "And this year they seem to really want to be the leaders. Last year, they weren't sure."

But Pound sites one concern standing between what turned out to be a difficult season last year and what could be a more successful campaign this year. While the Hornets had a strong staff in 2001, their ability to win more games in 2002 will depend largely on their ability to hit in clutch situations. Because they often did not get key hits last season, they came away with only five victories to go with 22 losses.

"I don't think we ever played as well as we could," Pound explained. "Timely hitting's the name of baseball, but we didn't get it (last year). We had people on, we had bases loaded a number of times with our big men up, our three and four hitters up and they'd do nothing. The next time, they'd get up



the descent of a fly ball in one of the Hornets' few opportunities to practice outside. Even with snow on the ground, the baseball team occasionally went outside to the parking lot to practice their outfield play.

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Strong bond, solid defense add to success

By Jamie Norton

A fter a two-year absence, Lyndon State College softball coach Tammi Cady is back and ready for the season to kick into high gear.

The season has gotten off to a slow start as the Hornets have had virtually no chances to practice outside. They lost both games of their first double-header of the season to Becker College (4-1 and 12-3). But Cady is not worried. After all, it was the first time the team got to play on an actual soft-

ball field after practicing in the gym for over two months.

"We actually went down a little early and practiced outside before the game," she explained. "So we had a three-hour practice before we even played our doubleheader."

The Hornets have suffered through what every other college spring sports team in Vermont is forced to endure every winter – being trapped inside a gym for

months of practice before having the opportunity to be out in the fresh air to experience the real thing. This can affect a team's pre-season preparation "a lot," Cady emphasized. "We can't do any outfield practice, so that is a huge disadvantage for us. No matter how much you want to make it real in the gym, outfield is just not something you can do there.

"We work infield all the time, but then being outside and having real ground and the different bounces (affects the play)... We really can't hit live off a pitcher, not in the cage anyway; it's too dangerous. So we've only see live pitching once, too."

Despite the disadvantage, however, Cady felt the team played relatively well in their season opener. "I think our pitching did very well, being as that was really the first time they'd gone against live batting," she explained. "I think our bats came around really well in the second game, so that was optimistic to see (and) we didn't have a lot of errors. I think we only made two or three throughout the day.

"I do think there were some plays that, you could tell that we hadn't been outside because there were some balls that should have been caught that we didn't catch. I also think that we

were a little lax on the basepaths, which is something we've been working on since that game. But then again, I think a lot of that comes down to just not being able to be outside."

But, she added, as the season progresses, those little things should come around, and Leigh Chamberlain should be able to help the

Freshman

process along. He brings 25 years of softball knowledge and coaching experience to the team as Cady's co-coach. Chamberlain, for example, does not hesitate to run practice if Cady can't make it.

Cady feels that LSC has solid defense at every position this season, and she sees that as the team's strength from a mechanical standpoint. She also states that the offense will get stronger once the hitters get outside and that the pitching will improve once it adjusts to facing live hitters on a regular basis. But what has impressed Cady the most is the chemistry the team has generated early on

"So far, I have seen that the team has bonded really well together, and I think that is a huge asset for us," she said. "They cheer each other on, they push each other to work harder. ... I think, if a team really gets along and they can play well together, that they're only going to get stronger."

Senior veterans Amy Chamberlain, Jill Gilardi, Kim Kangas, and Jean Norris have strengthened that bond with their experience and leadership. Cady expects that quartet to show maturity and competitiveness and set the standard for the 2002 Hornets. But the coach is also looking for her underclassmen to contribute

throughout the season and feels that the team has no distinct weak spots.

"We have a fairly small team, so I expect big things from everyone," Cady emphasized. "I really feel very comfortable with everyone on our team. I think there's going to be a chance for everyone to step up, and it's just a matter of who steps up and does the job."

The Hornets

Photo by Jamie Nortan hope to step up big as the season marches on,

particularly once they can actually get outside and play ball where it's supposed to be played – on the diamond. Once that happens, they will be able to get some wins on the board and make their opening doubleheader seem like ancient history.

The Lyndon State College 2002 softball team: Amy Chamberlain, Hallie Chouinard, Michelle Clukey, Jennifer Dubuque, Jill Gilardi, Linsey Harmon, Tammy Hooker, Kim Kangas, Jessica Martin, Lindsay Maguire, Kate Murray, Jean Norris, Heather Santy, Maggie Scott, Heather Viera, Leslie Sykes.



Sophomore third baseman Heather Viera traps a ground ball in a fielding drill in the gym. The Hornets have been practicing inside since the beginning of the spring semester.

Photo by Jamie Nortan

LYNDON STATE COLLEGE Baseball 2002 Schedule

4/9 @ Norwich University 1(9) 2:30PM
4/10 @ St. Michael's College 2(7) TBA
4/13 U MAINE-FARMINGTON 2(7) 12:00PM
4/14 @ U. Maine-Farmington 2(7) 12:00PM
4/15 FISHER COLLEGE 2(7) 1:00PM
4/17 @ Castleton State College 2(7) 2:00PM
4/20 HUSSON COLLEGE 2(7) 1:00PM
4/21 HUSSON COLLEGE 2(7) 1:00PM
4/23 CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE 2(7) 2:00PM
4/24 ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE-ME 2(7) 2:00PM
4/27 ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE-ME 2(7) 12:00PM
4/28 @ St. Joseph's College-ME 2(7) 12:00PM
5/1 PLYMOUTH STATE COLLEGE 2(7) TBA
5/3-5/4 Region X Independent playoffs TBA

LYNDON STATE COLLEGE Softball 2002 Schedule

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4/10 @ Fisher College 2(7) 1:00PM
4/13 @ U. Maine-Farmington 2(7) TBA
4/14 @ U. Maine-Farmington 2(7) TBA
4/17 @ Castleton State College 2(7) 3:00PM
4/20 Mayflower Conference Classic @ Green Mountain
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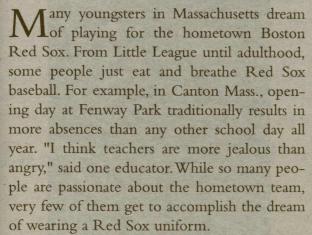
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4/26 GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE 2(7)** 3:00PM
4/27 NOTRE DAME COLLEGE 2(7)** 1:00PM
5/3 JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE 2(7)** 2:30PM
Region X Independent Tournament TBA

**Mayflower Conference Games

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Inside Pitch

New England native is living the big-league dream



Lou Merloni is one of those few. The Framingham, Mass. native grew up less than a half-hour from Boston and has always been a big fan. "It doesn't happen to a lot of guys. The biggest goal is to play in the major leagues. I was lucky enough to be drafted by the Red Sox and stay in the organization," Merloni says.

The former Providence College shortstop was the best hitter in the Big East in 1992, posting a .420 average. He then went on to the Cape Cod League, where he again won the batting title. These successes, along with his versatility, is what got him to the big leagues. "He is versatile in that he can play defensively in all four infield positions. To me he is a great

hitter, and one heck of a teammate," says former manager Jimy Williams.

Merloni's arrival to the Red Sox immediately brought a storybook tale. The Red Sox had been having some injury troubles at second base, and summoned Merloni from the minor leagues. He picked up his first major league hit in a game at Minnesota, but his first home run would be far more dramatic.

On an April night in 1998, Merloni stepped to the plate at Fenway Park for the first time and hit a home run. He has only hit four home runs since then, but it didn't take him long to learn how to clear the Green Monster. "The further we get from it, three or four years now, I ask myself if it really even happened. But I have video to prove it," he says with a chuckle. "I know it was something special, and something I will never forget."

When Merloni took his spot at second base after that inning, the fans greeted Lou with an unexpected sound. He thought the fans were unhappy with him, and asked shortstop Nomar Garciaparra why they were booing him. As the Kansas City Royals got ready to bat, Merloni's former minor league roommate informed him that they were "Lou-ing," not booing.

That surreal first home run at Fenway does not stand out as his career highlight, however. In 1999, the Red Sox were one game away from losing to the Cleveland Indians in the Division Series. With their backs against the wall and Garciaparra hurt, Merloni got the start at shortstop. The 31-year old cites this game as the biggest moment of his baseball life. "We won the game, and then came back and won the series. That was a great thrill to me. It was great just getting to the playoffs, and being part of that whole excitement. Hopefully we can get that back around this year."

Like every Bostonian, Merloni has hopes of a Red Sox World Series victory. Even though they haven't won a championship in 83 years, he is beyond confident about his team's chances. "If we win the World Series, it would be something I will take with me for the rest of my life. I am looking forward to that," he says.

"When it comes down to it, I think base-ball runs that city. Baseball is Boston." says Merloni, with his eyes lighting up just talking about it. "I think they'd have to shut down the city for a couple of weeks if we won the World Series. It would be quite a party."

It would be a party Merloni would appreciate as much as anyone.

Yes, baseball is finally here! Opening day 2002

By Jamie Norton

On the same day that the college basketball season finally came to a close with Maryland's not-so-thrilling 12-point victory over Indiana in the NCAA championship game, Major

League Baseball opened its season amongst nationwide anticipation.

The Cleveland Indians and Anaheim Angels officially opened the 2002 season on March 31, but it was not until the next day when ballparks all across the country gave fans the feeling that baseball season was finally here.

The defending World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks picked up right where they left off. Word Series co-MVP and defending NL Cy Young winner Randy Johnson showed he isn't about to slow down as he threw a 2-0 shut-out at the San

Diego Padres. The New York Yankees, in the meantime, went in the opposite direction, as the Baltimore Orioles roughed up the defending AL champs, 10-3. Baltimore's Tony Batista was the main culprit in the Orioles' victory with a grand slam off defending AL Cy Young winner Roger Clemens.

The Boston Red Sox have high hopes for 2002 with stars Nomar Garciaparra, Jason Varitek, and ace Pedro Martinez returning from injuries and some significant new faces taking their places in the line-up and on the mound. Martinez, however, looked like a mere shadow of his three-time Cy Young award-winning self as he was tagged for eight runs in the first three innings of Boston's 12-11 loss to Toronto.

The St. Louis Cardinals showed why they are considered by many to be the favorites in the NL Central, and possibly the NL, this season. They

pounded Mike Hampton and the Colorado Rockies, 10-2, behind the masterful pitching of Matt Morris. Last season's Rookie of the Year, Albert Pujols, drove in three runs, while the redbirds' new first baseman, Tino Martinez, did a good job replacing the legendary Mark McGwire with a pair of RBI.

Martinez was only one of many new players in different places who made big contributions on opening day. Gary Sheffield and Vinny Castilla both homered in the Atlanta Braves' 7-2 win over Philadelphia, first baseman Tony Clark went deep for the Red Sox, Carl Everett left the yard for the Texas Rangers, and David Justice went 3-for-4 with a home run for Oakland.

Although there is a very long season ahead of us, Opening Day 2002 was not short of excitement. Even more exciting than the action in the games, however, was the excitement of the message that could be heard all over the country: Baseball's back!

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with nobody on and they'd hit a double into the gap. We just had those types of things."

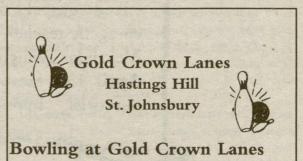
The frustrating result of that lack of clutch hits was that many of the Hornets' losses were by less than three runs. One or two key hits in each of those games would have easily given LSC a more respectable, and perhaps even a winning, record.

"It was one inning every game that seemed to bother us," Pound noted. "I hope that changes. ... We just did not play close to our potential."

If that does change, LSC should field a strong team this season. But, as coach Pound emphasizes, the team's

success will depend mostly on the effectiveness of its bats. "If we can get some timely hits, our pitching will keep us in ballgames, and if we can get a couple hits, we'll get some wins ... I think the rest is going to be there for sure."

The 2002 Lyndon State College baseball team: Jared Carlson, Chris Cushing, Chris Davies, Dave Demming, Matt Durso, Ryan Farley, Leon Feerick, Ross Feerick, Grant Goulet, Justin Lavely, Dan Lazorchak, Jared Marsh, Nick Merrils, Chris Mongeon, Brandon Oldham, Joe Parrotte, Dave Poczobut, Gregg Rose, Pat Ryan, Dave Sweet, Matt Toof, Shep Ward, Jeremy Wheeler.



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Jason LeVasseur puts one career on hold and begins another

By Timothy DeHoff

Stevens dinning hall was jamming out on March 21 with the music stylings of Jason LeVasseur, who played to a small crowd of college community members. He played some classic favorites of his band Life in General and songs from his new solo album, "Watching the Girls Go By," which he just put out by himself.

It was an amazing show that he put on for this small gathering. He is a man that is always smiling to his audience, a true performer bringing the audience right into the set with his positive energy and great enthusiasm, telling stories about his van, Brittany, and his high school sweetheart.

When LeVasseur was on the stage and talking, it no longer felt like a dinning hall, but was more like someone's living room where you were just chillin'. He would carry on conversations with the audience like he had known them forever. It was not like going to a concert, but more of listening

to your friend jam out some great tunes on his guitar. He joked about how Vermont weather is crazy with its sudden snowfall. He even made the suggestion to the audience that they go outside and make snow angels in the freshly fallen snow.

The atmosphere was so great he played a song that has only been played twice before. It was a song that carried a great emotional vibe, that got the listener thinking about his relationship with a parental figure, which is the purpose of the song, "Watching You Grow." It was inspired by LeVasseur's brother and friend whose children were just recently brought into this world. It was about how these new fathers would someday have to say goodbye.

Throughout the set. LeVasseur would ad-lib in different songs that fit the beat of his own songs. One minute you are listening to a piece of his own work and the next thing you hear "Frosty the Snowman" and "Crawling in my Skin"

It was an exhilarating performance. If you ever have the chance to go and see LeVasseur live, by himself or his duo Life in General, don't pass it up; he is one of the few performers that will leave a lasting impression in your mind.



Jason LeVasseur

LeVasseur: A man of great diversity

By Timothy DeHoff

After six albums with the band Life in General, Jason LeVasseur is ready to try out a solo career.

Although he is now a solo artist, it does not mean the demise of Life in General. The duo is just being put on hold while his counterpart works on his family life.

LeVasseur, a musician raised predominantly in Mexico, says he spent some of his childhood in Belgium and Italy. He attended international schools where he had friends from all over the world like Korea, Fiji and Ethiopia, an upbringing totally different from growing up with American peers. LeVasseur speaks English, Italian, French and Spanish, all fluently. In his new solo album "Watching the Girls Go By," he includes a Spanish

song, crossing over into being a multi-lingual artist.

Listening to his songs about love makes it hard to imagine that his first concert was Ozzy Osbourne in the fourth grade. He has such a diverse musical background compared to his musical peers. LeVasseur would listen to Ozzy, New Wave, the Smiths, and even John Coltrane. He would sit and listen to them while doing his homework. While most of his peers were jamming to Led Zeppelin, LeVasseur says he was grooving to the smooth sounds of Coltrane and other jazz musicians.

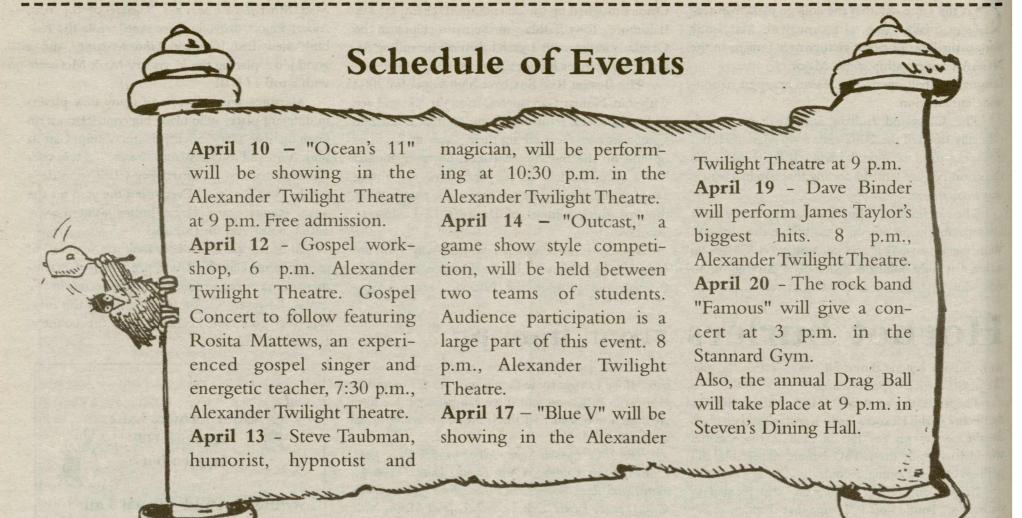
Even though he listened to all of these artists, they only had an effect on his melody and not the

Lyrics, LeVasseur says. The lyrics come from a place deep inside, from his loves and his family,

such as in the songs "Those were the Times" and "Watching you Grow." According to LeVasseur, he writes about these things so all can "share in human experience." Unlike most artists of today, he does not write for politics, but for the fact that his music can be shared and bring people together.

This new solo career brings butterflies to LeVasseur's stomach now when going on stage, says LeVasseur, because he is the only one in the spot light. As a drummer in Life in General, he trades his skins in for acoustic and electric guitars for his solo performances.

If you want to find out more about Jason LeVasseur, or see if he will be coming to a place near you, go to his website at www.jasonlevasseur.com.



The 74th Annual Academy Awards: Where's the remote?

By Carrissa Larsen

It is an event that faithful movie goers look forward to all year long: The Oscars. Millions of viewers plop down on their sofas to take in a night of Hollywood glamour at its finest and to root for their favorite movies and actors and actresses to take home all of the awards they seek.

The evening began with the pre-Oscar show, where celebrities' paraded down the red carpet draped in diamonds and big name designer outfits. Brief interviews were held with the various stars, asking who they were wearing and who they hoped would win later that night. It was a chance for the world's most beautiful people to do what

they do best: look beautiful.

When the show finally started, it kicked off with Whoopi Goldberg swinging from the ceiling in a "Moulin Rouge!" parody. It was funny and exciting, exactly what viewers have come to expect from their Academy Awards hostess. Unfortunately, from that point on things dragged slower and slower.

With a tribute to New York done through movie clips, and a modern dance tribute to various Oscar winning movies in the past, the awards show was packed with tidbits that drew it out to amazing lengths. Stretching over three hours, it was a chore to make it through to the end, though the awards that everyone was waiting to see, such as Best Actress, Best Actor, and Best Picture, were held until the very end.

While the Academy Awards are one of the biggest nights in Hollywood, it is hard for normal viewers to hang on through awards such as "Best Writing, Screenplay Based on Material Previously Produced or Published." It seems as though there is an awards category for everything, this year even seeing the introduction of a category for animated films. Along with that there are numerous honorary awards and tributes handed out gratuitously. It can make even the most devoted viewer long to channel surf.

Tan's new novel a great read for fans and newcomers

By Carrissa Larsen

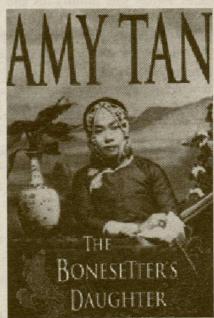
The Bonesetter's Daughter, by Amy Tan Ballantine Books, January 2002 416 pages, paperback, \$7.99

To fans of Amy Tan, her latest work will feel comfortable and familiar. "The Bonesetter's Daughter" follows themes that will be immediately identifiable to anyone who has read her works before, focusing on the relationship between a traditional Chinese mother and her more modern, americanized daughter.

Anyone new to Amy Tan's works should also enjoy this novel. Tan is wonderful at wording her novel to give the reader a sense of the Chinese culture it is so deeply steeped in. While it may be hard for a first time reader to get into the flow of the novel, once you are sucked in, you are in for good.

The book centers on a woman named Ruth Young and her relationship with her mother LuLing. LuLing was raised in China and holds tightly to her traditional Chinese upbringing, while her daughter fights to keep the balance between respecting her mother's traditions and maintaining a normal American life. It is soon discovered however that LuLing has advanced Alzheimer's. While this news is devastating, it also gives Ruth the chance to learn about her mother's past and come to respect her own family history in a way she never could have appreciated before.

This novel should be read by anyone interested in other cultures, by any woman who has a mother, or anybody who just enjoys a good read. It is well worth the time it takes to read, and you' will find yourself wishing there was more. Fortunately, Tan has other novels and collections



of short stories to satisfy anyone left desiring more.

Mad props for GlassJAw; a pillow for Alien Ant Farm

By David Martin

So I was driving down I-93 on February 16, preparing for what might be the most awkward group of bands I have ever seen on one bill, the tour being Sno-core 2002 featuring Alien Ant Farm, Local H, GlassJAw, The Apex Theory, and Earshot. My friend, Art, who joined me on the trip, was looking forward to the punkish rock sounds of Alien Ant Farm and the rap rock beats of The Apex Theory. On the other hand, I was having trouble containing myself in the car waiting to hear one of my favorite bands, GlassJAw, and their post-hardcore melodies. This was looking to be a show to remember.

We walked into the Palladium in Worcester, Mass. at about 6:00 p.m., and to our luck we actually got a table up near the bar, facing right down center stage. What more could you ask for: a great view in front of you, and a big bar behind you! Seven p.m. rolled around and Earshot took the stage. They rocked for about 25 minutes, but were having trouble winning the crowd over. The main reason was that your average East Coast fan hasn't heard a single from them, let alone the full album. Already being familiar with their CD and knowing a good portion of their material, I thought they were damn good. They had a full sounding Tool/ Chevelle type feel without any gaps and a good stage presence. The singer tried to get the crowd going by splitting the crowd in half and having a sound off for free CD's. But overall the crowd just wasn't into them. When Wil, the singer, asked if they wanted to hear one more, parts of the crowd yelled, "No!" My guess is in six months or so, once these guys put out an album, the Massachusetts fans will really dig them. It was a great set overall.

Next up we had The Apex Theory, another Hip-Hop metal band with a little bit of an old school Incubus feel-

ing. They were a pretty good band, but nothing to call home about. What saved this set was when the singer pointed out a kid in the crowd that had flipped him off. He then proceeded to drag the kid on stage and told the kid if he had the "brass balls" to flip him off, then he could show the crowd his "brass balls." So the kid got down to his boxer shorts and proceeded to moon the crowd; shortly after they threw him off the stage. The mob of kids seemed to really dig these guys, and there was some pit movement, especially to their single "Shhh(hope diggy)." It was also rather amusing to watch the bassist smash his bass because of technical problems, and then proceed to dance around the stage. Another plus is that this is a band that really encourages you to be positive about everything, which they told the crowd on numerous occasions. I thought their show was pretty good for the most part. In the future, I would probably go see them again.

I must say, it is amusing to go from a band like The Apex Theory, whose last words on stage were telling you to always stay positive, to GlassJAw, if you know what I mean. The backdrop behind the Long Island band was a night-lit New York City, with the Twin Towers still intact. The crowd gave "mad props" to that. GlassJAw did everything I expected them to do and more. Daryl, their vocalist, walked around the stage like he was drunk, even though he is straight edge. Then to top it all off, he said some of the most belligerent things I ever heard on a stage, and I loved every bit! On top of playing their wellknown songs, such as "Siberian Kiss" and "Pretty Lush," they played some new songs that had a classic GlassJAw feel with more singing and less screaming. To get to the point, GlassJAw amazed their hardcore fans and scared everyone else.

After a beer in between sets, Local H took the stage, and I sat down on my barstool. To start off, the first fif-

teen minutes of Local H bored me to death. Then, to make it that much better, the singer/guitarist walked of the stage angry and said goodbye. Walking off the stage + Amazing GlassJAw set = pissed off crowd. After about a two minute long Local H chant from the crowd, the took the stage again, when all of a sudden the crazies thing happened. They started kicking butt! By the end of the set, I wanted them to keep playing. If they had onl started out rocking, I would have been happy. I would like to see them in a different environment.

After the Local H set, I went outside for a bit of fresh air, where I bumped into Mike from Earshot. I had hung out with him and Wil, the singer, earlier on the tour bus. We chatted for a bit, and we agreed that the crowd was not very enthusiastic this evening, but the were happy with their show overall. Soon after, I may may back inside for Alien Ant Farm.

All I can say for Alien Ant Farm is I wish you courent a cot from the bar so you could sleep during the set. Talk about low energy and non-entertaining. The found the need to whine to the crowd and talk about how bad their day was and how no one at Warped To liked them, but they appreciated how no one threw are thing at them at this show, unlike Warped Tour. I wou have tossed a brick at them, but I was too busy passi out on the railing on the side of the stage. On a go note, I was happy to hear "Movies." I admit it: it' catchy tune, and I also liked their acoustic set. Overa should of left after Local H.

To wrap this up, I had a good time watching so pretty good bands. An extra bonus in between sets of the snowboard and skiing videos. One of my frie from high school was featured in the video. My of regret from my night at the Palladium is I forgot my low for Alien Ant Farm.

Lyndon State College announces three major gifts

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yndon State College has recently received Lthree major gifts, each of which will fund the creation of a new scholarship endowment.

Norm Lewis, an alumnus from the Class of '52, has established a \$20,000 endowment to fund the Danny Gore Family Scholarship in Memory of Barbara Whitney Lewis. Preference for these scholarships will go to Vermont students majoring in television studies, history or political science.

Lewis is a retired school superintendent (Orleans Essex North) and well known throughout the Northeast Kingdom as Danny Gore, his fictitious alter ego, who has been offering a satirical commentary on rural life and Vermont politics for decades. Lewis' gift honors his late wife, who also graduated from Lyndon in 1952.

Earlier in March, Ben and Rosalie Harris created a \$10,000 endowment, which will provide scholarships for LSC students in the nursing pro-

This scholarship will be available to students

either during the completion of their pre-nursing courses or once they have enrolled in the degree program that LSC offers on a collaborative basis with Castleton State College. The Harrises have been friends of the college for many years and are both members of the LSC Board of Visitors.

Both scholarship endowments were made

possible with the help of matching funds from

Norm Lewis, alias Danny Gore, presents his check for the Danny Gore Family Scholarship Endowment to President Moore on March 19.

the Title III grant awarded to Lyndon in 1999.

A third gift, previously announced, was made in February by Gil Ford in the form of a Charitable Gift Annuity. His contribution will be used to create a \$10,000 endowment for meteorology scholarships. Ford is a long-time friend of the meteorology department and his gift recognizes the long association he has had

> Lyndon and with with Chair Department Bruce Berryman. A West Burke resident, Ford collected local weather data for the National Weather Service for some 68 years; that data has been compiled into a workbook that is still used by LSC met students.

> Thanks to the generosity of these donors, an increasing number of Lyndon students will benefit from the newly created scholarships.

Meteorology club attends Annual Storm Conference

By Mark Taylor

he 27th Annual Storm Conference took place March 8 through March 10 in Saratoga Springs, New York. The conference, run by the Lyndon State College American Meteorology Society/National Weather Association (a student run club), featured Mishelle Michaels of WBZ-4 Boston as the ice-breaking speaker on Friday night.

The other notable presenter was Dr. Steve Lyons of the Weather Channel who talked about his expertise, hurricane forecasting. Lyons talked at the banquet dinner on Saturday evening to a crowd of 300 conference attendees. Afterward, he entertained questions until nearly midnight. The AMS officers responsible for this year's conference are President Jason Furtado, Vice President Ed Argenta, Secretary Cegeon Chan, Treasurer Matt Carrier, and Public Relations officer Mark Taylor. The time and place for next year's conference are yet to be undisclosed.

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the hearing, I would answer the same way today, because it was an accurate statement."

The accuracy of Clarke's statement has yet to be verified. According to the VSC Faculty Federation contract, one of the three areas that faculty must address to be reappointed or to get tenure is that of "scholarly and professional activity"

"I guess the issue for me is that you conceded the point (to Rep. Mazur) rather than defended the faculty," Boye told Clarke at the March 25 forum. "It suggests that you either don't know what our workload is about or you are simply ignoring the fact...Frankly, I'll be the first to say I have no confidence in your administration from this point on," said Boye.

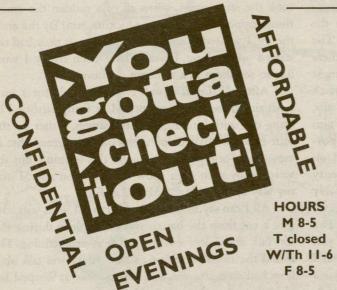
"That's up to you," Clarke said.

Clarke was asked by several faculty members to correct the misinformation about the faculty workload and to publicly support the VSC faculty. "I think it would be very timely and important for you to write a letter to the editor or have some news coverage supporting the faculty in the VSC," recommended Carolyn Reeves, Professor of Psychology. Clarke did not commit to such

action, but did say "I support the faculty in the VSC strongly. We are a people business. We have 81% of our entire expenditures," in the VSC budget go to pay employees.

"Can I just say that it is not all about money," Sturm told Clarke later in the forum. In an interview after the forum, Sturm said, "Faculty have left the colleges because they were not happy with the way they were treated." Sturm also said, "there is this underlying feeling of resentment" among the employees of the VSC system because over the last few years there has been a push "to do more and more and

In a separate interview, Moye said "The chancellor's final comments (in the LSC forum) suggested that we really got nowhere." Moye echoed Boye's expression of no confidence in the chancellor, adding, "I don't want to work for the VSC the way I used to ... and it's because of the chancellor's comments."



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Chancellor and CSC faculty at odds over comments

By Gary Sloan Jr. Courtesy of VSC AP, Castleton

Tension filled the air on Thursday afternoon as Chancellor Robert Clarke spoke to the collective Castleton State College faculty and administration. The meeting was called at the request of the faculty after recent statements made by the chancellor had surfaced in the Burlington Free Press. The comments were made in front of the Vermont House's Institutions & Appropriations Committee and lit a fire beneath the seats of many members of the faculty.

The statement that drew the ire of our teachers and administrators was an aside to the fact that professors only work twelve hours a week. Those in the teaching profession took this as a gross misrepresentation of what they do.

Professor Carrie Waara stated that this statement "ignores and denies the reality of college teaching." She went on to explain how every hour of class time is preceded by up to four hours of preparation. This includes reading, researching, outlining, and the preparation of handouts and videos.

Chancellor Clarke took the opportunity to attempt to alleviate the tension between the faculty and him by explaining that you need to know when to pick your battles. He stated that the comment was made on the spot during questioning and that he was unable to think of a better response off the cuff. He preceded this by stating that the "remarks I made were very accurate and true." He also stated that he was "perplexed" by the reaction amongst the faculty to his statement. In response to the question as to why the quote was not contested in public, the chancellor brought forth the belief that it is best to say something once and never repeat it, instead of getting into a point/counterpoint debate which will just leave the comment out there in the public's mind.

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opportunity to express to that Chancellor Clarke how they "ignores and denies the reality feel about the public's percep- of college teaching." tion of them and how he could better it. They stated

that he should be pushing the point across that they are hardworking individuals doing a great job with very limited resources. Professors at Vermont State Colleges are making less money starting out than most high school graduates. To further add insult to injury, many of the students that the professors are teaching, will go on to make more than the professors who provided them the opportunity do.

Many of the professors at the meeting expressed that they would like the chancellor to put a face on them. They would like for him to speak of who they are and what they do as opposed to simply speaking in terms of numbers. They feel the urgency and need for a raising of

public consciousness among the general public and our legislators as to precisely what being a college professor entails. Professor Waara explained, "It infuriates me that so many American public figures (like Rep. Mazur) actually believe we do so little. The American public needs to understand what academic life is, and our chancellor has a responsibility to help the public understand."

Chancellor Clarke The faculty took this Professor Carrie Waara stated responded by stating that as chancellor, his role is to have the best leadership possible in Vermont higher education, a task he believes he has been successful at. His goal as chan-

> cellor, he stated, is to get money for the system. He pointed out that in the last three years he has been able to get more money for the Vermont State Colleges than anybody else has within a three-year span during the history of Vermont.

> Both sides of the issue were discussed in length during the meeting, and the foundation to a better understanding of who the faculty are and what they do was laid down. While the two sides still remain at odds on some issues, they took a step toward a more cohesive unit on Thursday. Vows will not be exchanged anytime soon, but for now at least the tension has eased and a greater understanding of where each side is coming from has been established.

Dialogues on Diversity: dissecting Afghanistan

By Jessie Holmes Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

.S. foreign policy, the drug trade, and European imperialism were some of the top issues discussed by four panelists who met on the afternoon of March 12 to address The Roots of the Crisis in Afghanistan with the Johnson community. Victor Swenson, adjunct Professor of Humanities at JSC, moderated the forum.

Sandy Baird opened the discussion with a ten-minute speech regarding the role that drugs have played in the war in Afghanistan. Baird is currently director of the Legal Education Program at Burlington College. She is also a practicing lawyer and peace activist. She received her B.A. at the University of Massachusetts and her M.A. at the University of Wisconsin as well as having served two terms in the Vermont House of Reps.

Baird began by telling the 60 audience members about the nineteenth century Opium Wars between Britain and China. During the Opium Wars, the British fought to force importation of opium into the Chinese market. The British won. Baird used this example to contrast the United States' involvement in funding the drug trade in Afghanistan.

Historically, Afghanistan is a decentralized, tribal society that depends on agriculture. Under the Carter administration, in the 1970's, the United States began to fund tribes in Afghanistan, which they knew to be involved in the drug trade. With assistance from the wealthy country of America, these tribes took greater control in Afghanistan. Today this means that the

leaders of Afghanistan are heavily involved in the drug trade, making the people and the economy of that country dependent upon the continued growth of the potent poppy plant.

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist from the Rutland Herald, David Moats, gave the second speech of the evening. Moats reflected on the history of Afghanistan as a person who lived and worked there with the Peace Corps in the 1970's. He explained that before the 70's, Afghanistan was a feudal society, ruled by a king, with a very loose central government.

The 70's brought the influx of both U.S. and Soviet influence. According to Moats, this was the first time young men of that society were exposed to a world outside the traditional context they had always known. In the city of Kabul, certain intellectual groups became attracted to Marxist ideology, which led to a revolution and takeover, by a communist regime.

This regime was unsuccessful because the people of Afghanistan were unable and/or unwilling to assimilate from twelfth century to twentieth century lifestyles overnight. Soon rebel groups overtook the communist party, and the military society that we see in Afghanistan today was developed.

Post Colonial Literature specialist Helen Scott focused her part of the discussion on the role that systemic imperialist policies of Western nations have played in causing the war in Afghanistan. Scott received her B.A. at Essex University and Ph.D. at Brown University. She explained that war will not bring democracy to the oppressed peoples of Afghanistan and that the U.S. supported Northern Alliance leaders are extremely oppressive.

Scott gave the audience some well-documented examples, such as the U.S. bombing of Grenada in 1983, of times in history when the U.S. has clearly brought violence against innocent people under the guise of good intentions. She believes that this may again be the case in the U.S. led war in Afghanistan. She pointed out some rarely mentioned facts, such as: the United States was involved in friendly communication with Osama Bin Laden, as late as August 2001. Also, the United States has offered up no proof whatsoever that Bin Laden is the man responsible for Sept. 11.

The final speaker of the evening was JSC History Professor Nacklie Bou Nacklie, who was born and educated in Ghana. Nacklie began by discussing ancient Rome's establishment of equal rights for the people and the infiltration of those beliefs into Italy. Rome gained its mighty power, in part, due to the support of the Italians, which they gave willingly because they were allowed equal involvement. However, when Rome spread to other areas such as Latin America, the Middle East, France, and North Africa, they did not bother to gather support through policies of equality. Instead they chose to simply take what they wanted from those populations and leave the people impoverished.

Nacklie used this example to exemplify the current relationship between the United States and the rest of the world. When America was young and still establishing its constitution, they made a point of incorporating Europe. Today the United States and the European Union offer their own citizens liberal freedoms and equality.

Clarke's rebuttal stirs controversy with JSC faculty

By Scott David Monroe
Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

Pollowing a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, the Johnson State College Faculty Assembly voted in favor of sending a resolution to VSC Chancellor Robert Clarke concerning his statements before the House Appropriations Committee. The resolution expressed a "grave concern" among faculty regarding Clarke's "understanding of or ability to speak for public higher education in Vermont."

Clarke testified in February before the House Appropriations Committee, hoping to secure a three-percent increase in funding for the VSC. Rep. Frank Mazur, R-South Burlington, asked Clarke why VSC faculty are only required to teach 12 to 13 hours a week, and Clarke said the policy was set in the faculty union contract. Mazur told Clarke that he "might want to rethink that strategy," and Clarke responded, "yes."

Karen J. Uhlendorf, associate professor and chair of the JSC Faculty Assembly, sent the resolution to Clarke along with requests for a public correction and dialogue in a public forum. As of press time, Clarke had not responded to the resolution.

Although Clarke recognizes the concerns

raised by his statement, he said defending faculty workload was an inappropriate issue in that time and forum.

"Our goal at the house Appropriations Committee was to secure funding for the colleges. We've [been] relatively successful [in] doing that," Clarke said.

Uhlendorf disagrees with Clarke's view of the forum.

"I think it actually was a very appropriate forum. He (Clarke) was there to ask the legislature to fund the colleges and what better way to show that than to say there's lots of work going on at these colleges and a lot of people working hard," Uhlendorf said. "I think it was a missed opportunity."

Johnson State College President Barbara Murphy said that the series of questions raised by Mazur were the kind "asked by people outside of higher education who are not familiar with the terms of workload." Murphy also believes the chancellor did not expect such a question to be raised.

"This has gotten a lot of attention," Murphy said. "Faculty have been concerned that the chancellor, by his one word, may have represented a lack of regard or respect for that workload."

Murphy indicated that she was fully aware

that it takes more than 12 hours of work to teach four courses a week.

JSC professor Eugene Sapadin believes that Clarke should have acknowledged the inappropriate nature of elaborating to the committee, but still defended faculty workload.

"If he (Clarke) honestly believes what he said, then he's too ignorant to run the [VSC]. If he didn't believe it, which is almost certainly true, then he shouldn't have said it," Sapadin said.

House members questioned Clarke and UVM Interim President Edwin Colodny to discover how the VSC was working to improve the quality of higher education. Both institutions have requested a three-percent increase in funding, instead of Governor Howard Dean's recommendation of two above Fiscal Year '02 original. Murphy acknowledges that while a three-percent increase would be "great news," budget problems would still persist.

Clarke pointed out that with a two-percent increase and perhaps a four-percent tuition hike, the VSC budget would still have a \$1.5 million shortfall.

"We're going to have difficult decisions and difficult challenges to make in any event," Clarke said.

JSC dorms reduce and reuse

By Isaac Olson Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

Johnson State College students and staff are hoping to reduce the amount of waste produced in the dorms by creating a permanent recycling program.

According to Physical Plant Director Harald Aksdal many student-run recycling programs have been in place but they seem to lose support because the student body is constantly changing. JSC SA Senator Jessica Prince, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Dave Bergh, and graduate Anthony Risitano are hoping not only to resuscitate the old programs and revamp them but, with the aide of Aksdal, create a permanent part-time position to lead the project.

"You don't make money recycling," Aksdal said.
"It's not just handing in bottles but, as anyone can see around them, if you don't recycle you are causing a problem for yourself and future generations."

"Recycling is a wonderful thing," Aksdal said.
"But it's one of these things that costs money."

Aksdal said the school already has a recycling program in other buildings besides the dorms. "The school does recycle tons of paper and cardboard every year," he said. "A dormitory recycling program would be a step above that."

"We did a test case on how much time and effort it takes to do one dorm," Aksdal said. Using the figures from that case, Aksdal estimates an annual cost of about \$3,000 to \$5,000. "As far as recycling in an institution that is strapped for funds, it's tough to justify spending extra money."

Bergh is on the committee that designed the project proposal to submit to the administration. The

proposal includes the outline of a permanent parttime position for a project leader. "It would be a regular position, not a work-study or student position," Bergh said.

Bergh acknowledged that one of the biggest challenges is keeping students interested. "There will be staff and students involved in keeping people involved in the program," he said. Bergh is anticipating implementation by the end of this semester.

"I think it has been a good example of the students raising a concern that recycling hadn't been adequately addressed and, as a result, working with the administrators to remedy the situation," Bergh said. "I think most all of us would have the strong preference that more recycling be done everywhere so, certainly, to be able to do it in the residence halls is a good thing."

Risitano said that he grew up recycling. It was something he always did and he couldn't stand the idea of not keeping his family tradition alive within JSC's small community. He ran a recycling program in Senators South last semester when he was a student living in the dorms.

"Basically the program would be full spectrum recycling: paper, glass, aluminum, and plastic," said Risitano, who is a likely candidate to lead the proj-

Risitano has considered many different ways to educate students on the importance of recycling and to keep them motivated to not only participate in the program but respect it as well. He has considered offering workshops with guest speakers



This little cutie attends the Child Development Center at JSC. The CDC is temporarily relocating while the heating system is replaced.

Photo courtesy of Basement Medicin

which, he said, have been popular in the past.

"Getting the students involved is important. One way is to go to floor meetings and put a face behind the project," Risitano said. "Also, I think we will try to put up plenty of informational posters."

Risitano has even considered using a mascot in order to further motivate students.

"I think it's just something that should be second nature to folks," Risitano said. "I don't want to live in a messy, polluted world, so getting people involved in recycling is one of my personal missions."

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However, in their relations to the rest of the world, they seek only to filter profits, while offering the people of those nations none of the benefits.

Not surprisingly the people who are laboring

under these unequal policies will rebel against that system.

The panel discussion ended with a brief question and answer session between the audience and the panelists. Many audience members stayed for another hour afterwards, speaking directly with the panelists and among themselves.

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Problems with proposed new housing for LSC

By Dana Amey

Stephan White, a Massachusetts businessman and alumnus of Lyndon State College, plans to build a housing development on his property adjacent to the LSC campus. Five buildings will be designed to house over 100 students, and a sixth building will house laundry and vending machines. The buildings will be built with the intention of leasing them to LSC, but the project itself is independent of the Vermont State College system.

According to Act 250, because of the college's "significant interest" in the project, it will be necessary for either LSC or the VSC system to coapply with White for building permission from the town Planning and Zoning board. This means that the college or the VSC system will have to reach a legal agreement with White before the project gets underway.

Although in itself the co-application request does not represent a significant hitch (co-application in situations like this are not unusual, the Act 250 report pointed out), the situation is excep-

tional in a number of ways. For example, there is the presence of Tim Sturm, LSC professor of Education, as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning board. James and Frances Barhydt, who own property adjacent to the proposed site for development and are opposed to the project, feel that Sturm's presence on the board represents a conflict of interest.

Two members of the board have already removed themselves from the case, and there was question of Sturm and Dennis Sweet, whose wife Brenda is also employed by LSC, removing themselves as well. Sturm told the Caledonian-Record that in the legal opinion of lawyer Franklin Kockman, neither Sturm nor Sweet had a conflict of interest because they are uninvolved with the administrative decisions involving the application.

The Barhydts' lawyer, Robert Brent, recently questioned whether White's plan to build five student housing units is in fact a residential development, as according to the town's by-laws a residential development must contain a family "living

together as a single housekeeping unit." Instead, Brent suggested, the buildings will fall under the category of dormitory or college housing, neither of which is allowed in a residential district.

The Barhydts are not the only townspeople opposed to the proposed project. The Zoning and Planning board received a petition and several letters in opposition, most siting the probability of increased noise and traffic and the decrease of their property values.

Last week, the Planning and Zoning board deliberated behind closed doors about the issue of the application. This action raised some eyebrows as well, because although there is nothing illegal about private deliberation, it has never been done in Lyndon before. However, Sturm said that the reason for private deliberation was that the board had never before been required to review a similar case under the current by-laws.

"When we have complex applications we will do what we have to," Sturm told the Caledonian-Record last week.

Critic staff polishes its skills at the National Writers' Workshop

By Marina Cole

Who spends all weekend learning about writing? Four *Critic* staff members did just that April 13 and 14.

Abby Stoutimore, Carrissa Larsen, Tim Hagerty, and Marina Cole attended the National Writers' Workshop in Hartford, Connecticut, to add to and polish their writing skills. They spent the weekend listening to award-winning authors and journalists discuss aspects of writing as varied as how to get to the point in your writing to preparing for the unexpected assignment.

With over 40 presenters, the NWW offered something for anyone interested in writing. There were workshops for those interested in creative writing as well as for those focusing on journalism. A sampling of workshops attended by Critic staff included Parachute Journalism, Getting the Complete Story, Finding News in your Neighborhood, and The Political Profile.

The Critic staff had the opportunity to listen to Arthur Golden, author of the bestseller "Memoirs



Critic staffers Carrissa Larsen, Abby Stoutimore, Tim Hagerty, and Marina Cole (not pictured) take a lunch break during the National Writers' Workshop April 14 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Photo by Marina Cole

of a Geisha," talk about his journey writing that novel. He shared a very important lesson: "You can actually leave stuff out," he said, smiling. He described writing as "really not that different from telling a joke," in that information should not be included unless it enhances the punch line.

Larsen was particularly excited to find Golden at the NWW. She had brought "Memoirs of a Geisha" with her to read in her spare time. Larsen was able to speak to Golden after his speech and get his autograph.

LSC Student Association budget passes

By Abigail Stoutimore

It is official. President Carol Moore approved Lyndon State College's Student Association budget. Daryl Caver, Student Association President, announced the successful passing of the budget to club representatives at the SA meeting on April 9.

The budget, which uses the student activity fees paid by students along with school tuition, consists of a total \$138,001.90, including an 6.81 percent freeze.

The Campus Activity's Board receives an automatic 50 percent of the budget, a policy set by Moore. The hockey club came in with a final budget of \$17,965 without the freeze, and WWLR ranked third with \$16,900 to spend in the coming year. The smallest budgets include A.S.S.I.S.T., with a final \$600 budget, and Logikos with a \$575 budget.

Adult learners' have their hard work recognized

By Marina Cole

They are hardworking, enthusiastic, engaged, I organized, and seeking to expand their horizons. They are role models and perfectionists who are respected by their classmates. Who are these people?

They are the adult students recognized at the Adult Learner Recognition Night, as described by the faculty and staff who nominated them.

The select group of adult students awarded with 2002 Adult Achievement Awards on April 11 all hold a GPA of 3.2 or higher and are committed to academic and scholarly success, according to Linda Wacholder. Those honored with the award this year are William Beaulac, Lisa Blake, Laramie Bobar, Marina Cole, Miles Etter, Lara Fors, Norman Johnson, Kathleen Hamel, Kim Matthews-King, Heather Malone, Lisa McCrae, Christopher Millet, Edward Poginy, Seth Powers, and Shirley Saggerson-Houston.

At the same event, students were inducted into



The above students were present at the Adult Student Recognition Night to receive their Adult Achievement Awards.

Photo By Michelle La Barge

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Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for adult learners. The 2002 inductees are William Beaulac, Marina Cole, Kathleen Dodge, Lara Fors, Pauline Gardener, Norman Johnson, Nina Lany, Craig Lengyel, Tracy Locke, Christopher Millet,

Wacholder talked about the dedication of adult students, commenting that they are the people who juggle work, family and college. "Just enjoy this moment for yourself," she said.

LSC student Brandi Tenney awarded scholarship

LSC PR

randi Tenney of Newport, a sophomore at Lyndon State College, recently won a \$500 scholarship awarded by the Vermont Educational Opportunities Program. The scholarship is awarded to high-achieving, first-generation, college bound students who are enrolled in a Vermont student-support services program.

Tenney's application essay, a testimonial to the help she has received from Project Excel, was chosen from 190 participants in the LSC program. In addition to her essay, Tenney was selected because of her academic success, hard work and her commitment to completing her degree.

Project Excel is a federally funded TRIO program that helps first generation, low-income or disabled students graduate from college. Excel offers individualized tutors, study skills, time management and counseling at no cost to the participants. TRIO programs include Upward Bound and AmeriCorps in addition to Excel.



Spring has sprung, so is hibernation done?

By Abigail Stoutimore

tudents strolling down walkways, playing frisbee, soaking up sun on grassy areas – they are all images that are not very familiar at Lyndon State College.

Freshman physical education major Justin Kissell said, "It's been so long since we've seen sun, and it was weird to see people outside all of a sudden."

Sunshine and warm temperatures teased the

students on April 15 and hit full force the following Tuesday, causing students to emerge from their ning hall in between classes, taking full advantage long stays inside their dorm rooms and enjoy the summer-like weather.

"The physical activity that was taking place on campus made others want to join in," said freshman TVS major Megan Moulton. "My friends and I had a small picnic with lemonade. It was a great way to kick off the end of the year."

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Students took up residence outside the dinof the atypical temperatures.

"Its so beautiful outside," said freshman Karen Kyker, an accounting major. "I could never just sit inside on a day like this."





It is time to better the House budgeting process

Editorial

passed the Student Association \$650. budget struck me two ways. I am glad coming two semesters.

The news that President Moore additional cost of approximately

While The Critic is lucky to have to know that clubs are done with the advertising revenue to fall back on, I tense budgeting meetings and can know other clubs who consistently count on money for next year. I am receive less and less money through depressed, though, to know that the budgeting process do not have numbers are final, and all clubs are such avenues of fundraising open to now locked into the figures for the them. For those clubs, a loss of a few hundred dollars will mean a loss of Let me explain what I mean. The presence on campus or a decline in Critic was granted \$4985 to cover club activities. I recall one budgeting the costs for this year. However, we session this year where the Society of have \$4733.24 to spend next year. Professional Journalists was told they While that seems like a small loss, it needed to be a club that did things on comes at a time of rising newsprint campus rather than a club that only costs, in fact rising costs of all kinds. entered contests. The man who said It also comes unfortunately at a time that failed to remember that in the when we will be increasing our previous session, House had cut their number of issues per year by two, an line item for SPJ Day, which was to

be their campus event to promote their club.

Another issue in House has been money for conferences. Some members recognize the educational importance of attending conference, while others think the student activities fees should not be spent in this way. When learning is not supported by House, I have to wonder what is supported. Playing games? Having fun? Certainly fun is important, but at a college, is it more important than learning?

I see problems in a budgeting process that keeps cutting club budgets year after year. I see problems in a process that does not show strong support for learning in a college environment. I see problems with a sys-

tem that in essence says to clubs, 'sorry, but we can not meet your

I would like to see a committee working to find a better way to budget. It is time for some creative, outside the box, thinking. It is time we put our heads together and see if we can find a way to get more money for clubs, especially those that always take hits to their budgets year after year.

We are smart people at this college. I know we can find a better way, if only we try. I say it is time we try so that next year we can all be satisfied with our funding when the budget is passed by the president.

Critic staff polishes skills at NWW*continued from front page

News and NBC News, spoke about comings," Kalb said. political scandal and how the press Story," deals with the media coverage discussed how the media is now big stories that sell papers or boost rat-

Marvin Kalb, who was the chief ings. In this age of money-driven diplomatic correspondent for CBS media, "We pay a price for our short-

"The Deep End of the Ocean" was of the Clinton/Lewinsky fiasco. He the first book featured in Oprah stances," she said. Winfrey's Book Club. Mitchard business, and coverage must focus on stressed simplicity in writing. She Eric Newhouse, Rose Arce, a CNN expressed a need to move away from the idea of literary fiction as being Pooley were a few of the other pre-

good because it is hard to understand. Mitchard said just because you can do a half-gainer with a full twist does not Another notable speaker was mean you have to do it on every covers it. His book, "One Scandalous Jacquelyn Mitchard, whose bestseller page. "I want to write about ordinary people in extraordinary circum-

> Pulitzer Prize winning journalist producer, and Time magazine's Eric

senters at the NWW.

The Critic staff was impressed by the workshop as a whole, and decided it would attend the NWW next year, with the hope of interesting a few other staffers to join them.

"I liked the NWW because I learned a lot. At first I thought it would be just a conference with a bunch of newspaper reporters as speakers, but it turned out (to have) some fairly prestigious speakers, and they had a lot to offer," said Stoutimore.

The Critic is seeking a new Editor-in-Chief.

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- 2. GPA 2.0 or better
- 3. Previous Critic experience
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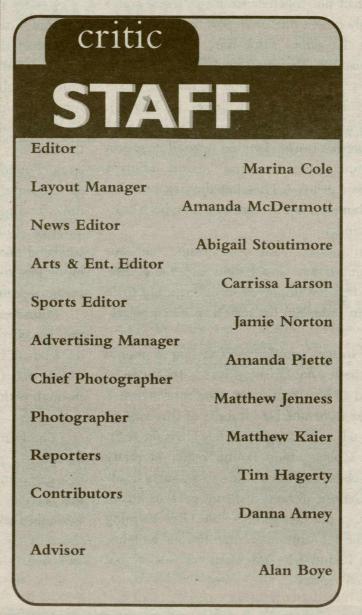


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Intramural program flourishing thanks to Sue Henry

By Jamie Norton

The intramural program at Lyndon State College is one of our school's most popular organizations with close to 400 student participants. It allows people who don't want to play intercollegiate sports for whatever reason, to remain active in some form of athletics and to satisfy their competitive edge.

Many people come to Lyndon State College after successful high school athletic careers with aspirations of playing on one of the Hornets' varsity teams, be it in soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, or tennis. And while LSC has many athletes who actually follow through on those goals, others get here and soon learn of the huge time commitment it takes to play at the intercollegiate level.

However, many athletes who don't want to or simply do not have time to commit to varsity-level competition still feel a desire to remain competitive and play sports in some form. They don't have the glory or trophies or recognition to play for as they did in high school, but they still want to have a good time playing the sports that they love. That's when they turned their focus to the intramural program.

"It's a major commitment to be on a (varsity) team," intramural director Sue Henry stressed.

"Whereas, in intramurals, the whole idea is that

you participate when you can, and it's a lot more flexible."

The program offers the traditional soccer, street hockey, basketball, and softball, but that is only a fraction of all the different types of sports that the intramural program boasts. Also available are activities such as flag football, volleyball, water polo, and even wiffle ball.

Henry said she likes to have such a wide variety of activities to offer the students at LSC so hopefully they can touch on everyone's interests.

"It's fun to have all those things going on," she smiled. "At the end of my day it's kind of neat to look back and say, 'today we did street hockey, soccer, 3-on-3 basketball, 5-on-5 basketball, water polo, volley ball, all in one day.' A lot of students like that. Out of those 400 individuals (who play intramural sports), there's probably 200 that play everything."

The intramural program hasn't always been so plentiful, however. When Sue was a student in the 1980's, the school offered very few intramural sports. She took the job here 13 years ago with aspirations of making intramurals a hot, popular organization.

"When I got here, I expanded the program," she said. "Because I'm interested in every sport there is, every activity there is. And then I found that a lot of students don't really want to be com-

petitive (on a varsity team)."

As a result, the program now offers around 15 different sports and activities each year, as opposed to the three or four when Henry was a student. And the program continues to grow as well, as anyone who has any ideas for a new activity or sport is free to suggest it to Sue and most likely, she can make it happen.

"That's how a lot of these things got started," she said. "People came up to me and asked me and I said, 'yeah,' and we put signs up."

So, next time you hoist those white-and-green "LSC Intramural Champions" t-shirts in the air, you can thank Sue Henry. She got those,



Hornet hitters sting the ball, team shows improvement

By Jamie Norton

The Lyndon State College baseball team has already proven that they are a better team than last year's squad. Through April 15, the Hornets had put together strong pitching and a surprisingly potent offense to post five victories in their first 10 games since they returned from Florida, matching their win total from last season.

LSC was 5-5 since coming up north and 5-9 overall (counting their four losses in Florida), which is a much better percentage than their 5-22 record from last season. Lyndon opened its season with a four-game weekend against Thomas College on April 6-7. They lost the first two that Saturday, but evened the score by taking both contests on Sunday.

"I am pleased with our attitude and our enthusiasm," coach Skip Pound said. Of course, any team that has improved so dramatically since its previous campaign has reason to be enthusiastic

The Hornets' pitching, which Pound praised prior to the season, has been just as strong as he had hoped and has kept them in most of their ball games. The most notable example of that was on April 10, when LSC held NCAA Division II St. Michael's College, who Pound called "a pretty good ball club," to just two runs in a double header. Jared Carlson allowed two runs on four hits in a 2-1 loss in the first game, while Dave Deming fired a one-hit shutout at the Purple Knights. However, Pound felt that Carlson's loss should have been a victory.

"We had the bases loaded, no outs, we didn't get a run in," he said. "You've got to get timely hitting."

Besides that double-header, however, Pound said that hitting hasn't been as much of a concern as he had thought it would be. The team has scored 10 or more runs on four different occasions through April 15, including a season-high 14 runs, not once, but twice.

"Early on, I didn't think we were going to hit the ball very well, but I think we're going to be okay," Pound said. The Hornets did, indeed, struggle offensively in the early going, combining for only six runs in their first three games against Thomas. But the bats finally exploded in the weekend finale in a 14-8 rout. "We have a little more power than I had thought. Some of the sticks are coming around."

Pound named a number of players whose hitting has been an asset early in the season, including lead-off hitter Matt Durso, Ryan Farley, Jared Marsh, and Dave Sweet who has been "coming through with big power numbers and really doing a nice job."

The Hornets also beat up on Fisher College on April 11, pounding their opponent 12-3 in the first game and continuing the onslaught, 14-5 in the second. They also scored 10 runs against UMaine-Farmington, but lost 12-10. LSC fell short in the second game of that match-up as well, 6-5.

"In the first game (of the Farmington double-header)," Pound said, "our pitching let us down, and in the second game, we just made a lot of mistakes, and you can't do that against teams like Farmington who are about equal with you. If you play well, you beat them and if you don't, they beat you ... We've got to work that out a little bit, but that's just going to come with some playing time."

The Hornets have plenty of "playing time" coming up in the remainder of the season, which includes almost their entire home schedule. Due to weather, Lyndon has had only a few games on its home field and will get some games in here in hopes of improving even more. All in all, though, Pound feels that things are looking good.

"We've got a couple of good sticks ... and our pitching has been very good," he said. "I'm a little more optimistic than I had been before ... Overall, I'm not displeased with where we are."

UPCOMING GAMES:

Apr. 23 vs. Castleton State (2) 2 p.m. Apr. 24 vs. St. Michael's College (2) 2 p.m. Apr. 27 vs. St. Joseph's College (2) 12 p.m. Apr. 28 @ St. Joseph's College (2) 12 p.m. May 1 vs. Plymouth State College (2) TBA

IN THE CHEAP SEATS

With Jamie Norton



Don't start celebrating just yet, Red Sox fans

New England's own Boston Red Sox recently beat their arch-rival, the four-time defending American League champion New York Yankees, who have won four out of the last six World Series, in three out of four games! Isn't that awesome?

Let me be the first to say, "Whoop-de-freaken' doo."

The Red Sox and Yankees have built one of professional sports' biggest rivalries since the beginning of the century. Actually, it happened, ohhhh, right around 1920, I'd say, when Boston, the dynasty of the first two decades of the 20th century (five World Series titles), traded none other than the greatest hitter in history, George Ruth (known better as the "Babe") to the Yankees, who, at that point, had never won a championship. My, how things change.

The Yanks have since won something like 400 World Series titles since then (well, 27, but anyway), while the Red Sox have only been to the Series four times since then and lost every time. Meanwhile, a manic rivalry has developed between the two clubs and their fans and it resurfaces every time the two teams face each other.

Now, I am not a fan of either team, so I can objectively tell you what's really going on here. Red Sox fans hate that the Yankees always win and that their fans can rub it in their faces,

while Yankee fans hate Red Sox fans because they're so annoying. Every time Boston beats New York in the regular season, Sox fans go nuts, while Yankee fans are like, "so what?" That's because, when it comes right down to it, the Yankees are the team that wins when it matters (well, except in Game 7 of the 2001 Series, but we won't bring up a sore subject, will we? Oops, too late).

The Yankees' success throughout the century in winning more than a quarter of all World Championships is due to keeping cool under fire and having what it takes to get the job done. The Red Sox, in the meantime, have mastered the art of casting the blame. On the rare occasions Boston has actually made it to the Series, they have lost, and they always have a scapegoat. In 1986, of course, their most recent and most memorable choke, they blew a fairly safe Game 6 lead in the last inning and blamed their first baseman Bill Buckner for misplaying a grounder. But the blame wasn't really on Buckner. No, not to the Red Sox and their fans. You see, unbeknownst to anyone else, Buckner was simply a victim of the "Curse of the Bambino," which has supposedly haunted the Boston club ever since they sold Babe Ruth to New York, which is the real reason they haven't won a Series title since then. That ridiculous myth is revisited every time the Red Sox get to the post-season because, should they lose (which they

always do), it's an easy, convenient scapegoat. The powerhouse Yankees, in the meantime, have lost their share of World Series, too (more than the Red Sox have ever been in), but they don't blame any stupid curse. On the contrary, the Yankees just come back stronger the next year.

That's why Red Sox fans can't stand the Yankees. They hate seeing a team that can demonstrate an ability to win when it matters because they know their ball club can't. It doesn't matter what team it had been. If Ruth had gone to the Detroit Tigers and the Tigers went on to win every other championship until the end of time, the Red Sox would hate them instead.

So, Yankee fans, let the Red Sox fans have their fun for now. Let them gloat about this little, meaningless four-game series here early in the season. You know the Yankees will be back. New York is the team to beat in the American League until it is proven otherwise, which it hasn't been yet. So if the Red Sox are to get back to the playoffs and even dream about going to the World Series again (let alone, win it), they'll have to get past the Yankees. If that happens, then they might actually have something legitimate to cheer about.

Until next time, so long . . . so short.

Lady Hornets hope to enhance their hitting

By Jamie Norton

A fter losing both games of a double-header against Becker College in March, the Lyndon State College softball team was hoping to get on the winning track, and fast.

They did so in a huge way.

The Hornets took out their frustration on Fisher College and destroyed the adversary, 19-2 in the first game and 18-0 in the second, showing everything the women knew they could do – pitch, hit, and play defense. But head coach Tammi Cady claimed that was nothing to get too excited about

"They weren't very much competition, so it wasn't a real good test of our ability," she said, hesitantly. "The umpires agreed before the game that if either team was up 15 or more runs after three innings that we could call the game, and we were for both ... They weren't very strong. I think they were rebuilding."

Nevertheless, a win counts as a win, regardless of the strength of the opponent, and the Hornets had evened their record at 2-2. But due to weather constraints, Lyndon had a home double-header against Thomas College postponed; they would have to wait until Apr. 13-14 to play again, this time against much stronger competition in UMaine-Farmington in a four-game, two day set.

Lyndon lost the first game, 6-5, on what Cady called a "controversial" call by the umpire, which took the wind out of the Hornets' sails for the second game, which they dropped, 11-6.

"We made a ton of errors (in the second game)," Cady said. "I think our head was just not in it."

The next day, LSC had seemed to put Saturday's unfortunate losses in its rear-view mirror and began to play Hornet softball the way it should be played. Hallie Chouinard took the mound and threw well, giving up only one walk, but the hits that Farmington got seemed to find the gaps. The LSC bats, in the meantime, struggled. That was a concern to coach Cady.

"It wasn't anything we couldn't hit," she said.

"We just had pop-ups, little grounders, things that were right to them and just couldn't seem to find the holes."

The Hornets' bats were a little livelier in the second game on Sunday, as they pounded out eight hits. However, 10 runners left on base translated into a nine-run, 11-2 loss that could have been much closer.

Despite Lyndon's early struggles at the plate, however, Cady does see encouraging signs.

"The pitching has been very good, they've been very strong," she complimented, adding, "we've played pretty steady on defense." She did emphasize, however, that the Hornets' offense needs to come alive if the team is to be successful against stronger competition.

"I was thinking we were doing fine in the gym (during indoor pre-season practices), but it's hard when you don't see real pitching. ... Definitely, we need to hit the ball a little bit better."

Of course, you don't usually hear that from a team that scored 37 runs in two games.

UPCOMING GAMES

Apr. 23 vs. Middlebury College (2), 4 p.m. Apr. 24@ Johnson State (2), 2:30 p.m. Apr. 26 vs. Green Mountain (2), 3 p.m. Apr. 27 vs. Notre Dame College (2)1 p.m. May 3 vs. Johnson State (2), 2:30 p.m.



The new face of an old killer; Anorexia is back

By Carrissa Larsen

A norexia nervosa. Unfortunately, this has become an all too familiar term in today's society. Everyone is aware that it is a horrible problem, but because of all of its exposure, we have become desensitized to it.

A recent episode of the WB show "Boston Public" brought this problem into a new light, however. This particular episode exposed a new movement known as "Pro-Ana," a group composed mainly of women who are now promoting anorexia as a glamorous way to live.

These "Pro-Ana" groups have gained their foothold through the internet. They have estab-

lished web sites that teach dangerous weight loss tricks and the best ways to hide the fact that a person has all but stopped eating. These sites also feature "motivational" mantras such as "Nothing tastes as good as being thin feels." Another common feature are pictures of skeletal woman as the portrait of perfection.

Recently, these "Pro-Ana" sites have stirred up a lot of controversy in the media. People have responded to this new movement with an over-whelming cry of disgust and outrage. Thanks to this angry outpouring, Yahoo, Geocities, MSN, and Lycos have all refused to host these pro-anorexia websites, making it much harder to dig up these sites on a simple search.

It is still not impossible to find these sites, however. Even though the search has been made more challenging, they are still out here, teaching men and women that it is a glamorous lifestyle to harbor a life threatening mental illness.

Viewing these web sites is a disturbing experience. It is easy to see how anyone with self-esteem problems could be easily sucked in by web sites that portray anorexia as a path to being perfect and in control of your life. They are just as dangerous as any site that teaches someone to build explosives. People should be warned that these sites are out there, and the dangers that they present are real.

Sneaker Pimps new album features strong lyrics, electronic beats

By Carrissa Larsen

The album "Bloodsport," the third from the English group Sneaker Pimps, will hit the shelves on April 23. One of the tracks, a song called "Sick," has already hit the airwaves, and is gaining in popularity.

Sneaker Pimps is a quartet with a sound that has been classified as "trip-hop" and "electronica." Whatever you decide to call it, the sound is defiantly worth giving a listen to. While the electronic loops and beats may not be to everybody's tastes, the lyrics are strong and keep you hanging on.

One song called "Small Town Witch" is particularly gripping to anyone familiar with life in a small town. The lyrics are dark and cryptic, but portray a clear portrait of small town resentment.

Most of the songs on the album revolve

around the twisted and painful aspects of relationships, especially the title track "Blood Sport," with lyrics like "Sex and love is not a game/ A game is something you can win." Everyone can relate to at least one of the songs dealing with the darker side of love.

Overall, this new album offers an interesting sound. No matter what your taste, it is worth listening to because there is a very good chance you will find something you like. Once it hits stores, be sure to check it out.



SHEAKER PIMPS



Schedule of Events

April 23 – "The Professional Pest," a silent, six-foot shadow, will appear in the Student Center between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

April 23 – Eleventh Annual UVM sugar on snow party from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at UVM's Bailey/Howe library portico. Free exhibits, music, and sugar on snow. Call (802) 899-4923 for more information.

April 25-27 – LSC's theatrical group, the Twilight Players, will put on "Footloose" at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre.

May 3 – A "Dive-in" movie will be showing on the LSC pool wall at 9 p.m.

May 4 – Comedian Juston McKinney will be joking around in the Alexander Twilight Theatre at 9 p.m. May 27 - The League of Vermont Writers Spring Meeting will be held at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. Hear Pulitzer Prize winner David Moats and others discussing writing. \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Preregistration required. Contact Nancy Wolfe Stead at (802) 253-9439.

Out-of-state enrollment figures drop for JSC

By Jason Michaelides Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

Late winter is a busy time for the Admissions Office as they review applications for the upcoming fall semester. As of April 2, the enrollment figures are up nearly 20 percent with Vermonters, and New England Board of Higher Education students are reportedly up 16 percent. However, out-of-state enrollment is down about 20 percent.

JSC President Barbara Murphy pointed out that JSC received 419 out-of-state applications last year whereas 328 have come in this year. Murphy believes that other VSC affiliates are seeing the same trends. However, Castleton State reports that its out-of-state enrollment is only down about 5 percent. Lyndon State's Admissions office was not available for comment at press time.

"Some of it has to do with the fact that other state colleges [in neighboring states] are making it more attractive to stay home," Murphy said.

Murphy also believes family economics are playing a role in the number of out-of-staters.

"When there is a slight recession," she said.
"People cut back on college spending."

Murphy does not believe that the lack of outof-state applicants has any relation to the fact that there is no full-time director of admissions at JSC.

"I think Penny [Howrigan, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services] and her staff are doing an amazing job," said Murphy. "We brought in a great consultant (JSC alum Lee Kahn), and she has been coming every week to strategize with Penny and her staff...I just feel like they have been doing a terrific job reaching people."

From now until the end of July, the admissions staff will attend local, regional, and national college fairs throughout the Northeast. In addi-

tion to the usual recruitment of high school seniors, the admissions staff will also be focused on reaching high school juniors for the fall of 2003 with a new four-color brochure, which will be mailed to about 85,000 juniors in the Northeast who have taken the PSAT and meet JSC admission requirements.

The goal of the mailing, according to Murphy, is to get potential students interested in adding JSC to their college choices and to attend JSC 101 on April 12. About 250 students and their parents have registered for the open house.

Murphy believes that JSC is on the right track, and with a little patience and hard work, things will turn around for the better.

"It's going to take a few years, Johnson took a dip in enrollment and you don't turn it around in one year," said Murphy. "We are going to be conservative and project a first-year class same as this year's and hope to be pleasantly surprised."

Plans in place for intercultural housing

By Scott David Monroe Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

Following a discussion on March 7 between advisory group members and residence life staff, criteria and structure are finalized for the new Intercultural Floor debuting next fall. Conceived by JSC International Coordinator Roman Kokodyniak, the pilot program will offer a thematic environment on the second floor of Martinetti Hall.

Assistant Director for Residential Life Michele Whitmore said the current plan is to convert half of the second floor of Martinetti into the intercultural model, offering eleven double-occupancy rooms with another room reserved for a resident assistant. According to Whitmore, the RA on this floor will receive special training in programming and supporting the intercultural experience.

"We do have a couple of RA candidates with backgrounds in living or learning with international students. We're hoping to come up with a good choice of programs that will touch on the culture of whomever is living on the floor," Whitmore said.

The floor will also provide co-ed bathrooms and an expanded kitchen/dining area in the lounge, according to Whitmore, who previously estimated a cost of \$5,000 in renovating the floor's utilities.

Admission to the floor will require a 2.5 GPA, a letter of reference, an interview with a student affairs staff person and a 200-word "Statement of Interest." Whitmore indicated that the written statement might be waived for international students and required of domestic students due to concerns raised by the advisory group. First-year students are eligible to apply and will be considered based on interest, academic and personal background, and recommendations.

JSC student Pingo Wegestal, a member of the international floor's advisory group, believes the program will lack a significant amount of diversity necessary in maintaining a successful program.

"Right now we have fifteen international students at Johnson and after this semester nine of them are leaving...we're probably not going to have enough international students to live on this floor," Wegestal said.

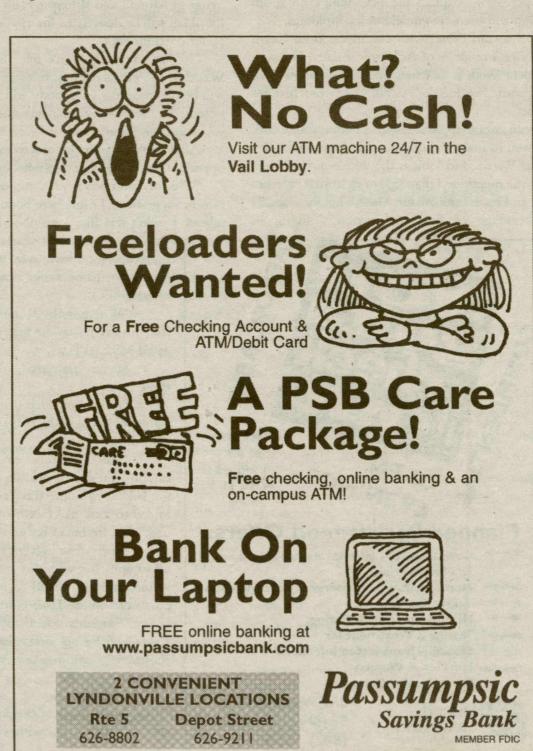
Even if there were only three international students on the floor, Whitmore believes the residential life staff will find occupancy for the remaining rooms with domestic students interested in learning about other cultures.

If by July 1 there are not enough students interested in the intercultural side of the second floor, Whitmore said rooms would be opened up for the "prime-time" living experience.

"If we have three students in intercultural housing and twenty-four there for prime-time, we would not spend so much time on the intercultural," Whitmore said. "We would do programming for everybody."

Whitmore added that while she is unaware what the numbers will bring, intercultural housing would not be ignored completely.

"It's such a new project right now that we're just taking baby steps, making sure we get the essentials down for next year," Whitmore said.



Police to patrol Johnson State campus

By Isaac Olson Courtesy of VSC AP, Johnson

The recent rash of car vandalism and robbery on campus has spurred security changes to prevent future problems.

Johnson State College asked the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department to help enhance campus security, according to Head of Security Dan Cotter.

"We asked them if they could come up on campus and patrol the parking lots whenever possible," Cotter said.

Cotter said police would focus on the busier times, like Thursday or Friday, but they do not want to stick to any schedule.

Sheriff Roger Marcoux is adamant about stopping the car break-ins. "It's not just opening unlocked doors; it's actually aggressively going after stuff," he said.

Marcoux feels that the burglars target JSC students, and a way to deter this behavior would be to

have a presence on campus.

Noting that police have the right to come on to campus because it is state property, Cotter said that police have already been boosting their involvement this past year. "From my standpoint, they're more than welcome," Cotter said.

Cotter, like many others in the JSC community, would like to see the people who are breaking into cars caught. "We'd love to catch somebody doing it because when you do catch somebody you'll probably find out that they've been involved in a lot of them," he said.

There will be less room for any minor misbehavior on behalf of the students with police patrolling campus. "If a police officer is on campus and he sees inappropriate behavior done by any community member, I doubt they will ignore it," Cotter said.

"I would expect my guys to address any violations," Marcoux said. "We're not going to go out and make a federal case about somebody smoking weed, but if you're underage drinking you've got to

consider that you're going to be looked at and possibly cited for it."

Marcoux stressed that officers are not going to be bothering anybody who is following the rules. He said that if anybody feels that they are being mistreated they should call him.

There have been car break-ins all across the county, focused both in Johnson and Morrisville. The thieves have been taking everything from sunglasses, adapters, and CD's to sports equipment, CBs, and stereos.

Marcoux feels that the break-ins are not students, but some sort of outside force. "It looks like people that do this for a living," Marcoux said. "Lock your car; don't leave anything in plain sight. Just like in a city."

The most recent crime spree on campus occurred on March 26. Six cars were broken into, windows smashed, and various items were taken. An estimated 20 student cars have been broken into this semester and so far there aren't any suspects.

Students debate plan for freshmen-only dorm at CSC

By Jennifer Clifford Courtesy of VSC AP, Castleton

The Black Science Auditorium was crowded with 150 students, faculty, and other members of the CSC community to voice their concerns about the housing changes to take place next fall.

On Monday, March 25, the Student Association organized a forum with Dean Greg Stone and Deri Wills, the director of Resident Life. Stone and Wills were present to explain the new policy on room selection and the new guidelines for buildings.

The forum began with comments from Kevin Kelly, Vice President of Academic Affairs. He said, "President Wolk is in attendance, so to show him how mature we are, let's act in a mature manner tonight."

Dean Stone approached the podium and said, "We need to make the best possible solution for this campus. We need to look at the whole picture."

Stone mentioned that 85% of freshman currently live in Haskell and Adams Halls. There is a smaller percentage of freshmen currently living in

Babcock Hall. Babcock is the most mixed with different classes.

"The purpose of the change is to move new freshmen to Babcock, Haskell, and Adams Halls to be closer to the Campus Center and the STEP Center," Stone said.

"I feel we haven't done as good a job with educating freshmen in SOS groups," Stone commented.

Upper-class students will have the options of living in Morrill and Wheeler Halls in suite-style. Ellis Hall will be designated for upperclassmen who prefer corridor-style.

"If you currently don't live in Morrill and Wheeler, you can always move there because there will be no squatting. Everybody will be in a lottery system, the more credits you have, the more choice you will have," Stone said.

After explaining the process to everyone, Stone opened the floor for any questions or comments.

"This decision was made without asking opinions or suggestions. I came here because it is a small school; I didn't feel like a number. I want to live

with my friends next year and if we can't squat our rooms, we may not be able to live in the same suite," said junior Erin Howard.

"Where will 21 and 22-year-old students live if they are first year students?" asked Michael Bonner.

Stone answered, "Probably in Ellis."

Stone also added that there will be no medical singles in Babcock, Adams, or Haskell next year.

"You are going to segregate the campus. Freshmen are already lowest at the ladder; by doing this freshmen will be forced to look like freshmen, not individuals," said freshman Kristen Baker.

"Forty-four percent of students live off campus, but with this change it's going to force more students to move off campus," sophomore Tasha Gilman said.

"Students feel disempowered. There will be no interaction with upper classmen," commented senior Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak.

Mulvaney-Stanak asked Stone, "What other kinds of checks and balances are you going to do without our opinion again?"

Stone commented, "One of the checks and balances will take place tonight."

"We should have had student government involved, but not everyone will be happy with the decision, and we know that," said Stone.

"Freshmen will be encouraged to complete their Soundings requirements by the new programs in the halls," Wills said.

Kevin Kelly asked, "What's the purpose of splitting the campus in half?"

Wills commented, "Freshmen should be near the Learning Center and the Campus Center."

"If 18-year-olds can't get to the STEP Center because they live across campus, then maybe they aren't mature enough to be in college," sophomore Melissa Simpson said.

"Ellis is hell. We have no status because we're only freshmen," a current Ellis resident said.

"We needed to improve our residence hall programs and with the new changes we will be able to," Stone said.

"It is idealistic for someone who doesn't live in our community to be making this kind of decision," commented a student.

"250 students signed my petition. You can't have just one person to look up to; freshmen should look up to upperclassmen. Every professor knows about the STEP Center, so freshmen will know that it's there," freshman Ryan Cymerman said.

"I think everyone is forgetting that we already live on a segregated campus with freshmen living in Ellis," Stone said.

"Segregation by choice is better than segregation by mandate," Michael Bonner said.

"Issues in upper-class halls are different than in first year issues, so RA's can address them in separate areas," Stone commented.

"Sophomores will be on the bottom of the priority list and we will end up living back in Ellis," freshman Katie Leining said.

At the end of the forum Kevin Kelly reminded everyone that, "A final decision has not yet been decided. President Wolk will make the final decision."

CSC President David Wolk commented after the forum, "The issue has been tabled. I am very impressed by the discussion and the way students expressed and conducted themselves. I learned a lot. I asked the Student Association to set up this forum tonight because I wanted students to have the opportunity to articulate their opinions."



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Caledonian-Record gains access to some crime records in lawsuit against Lyndon State College

By Bill Graves

The Caledonian-Record has gained access to an ■ unspecified amount of Lyndon State College's crime records in the form of an official log annually compiled by the college; a log which, according to LSC President Carol Moore, "simply indicates in a general way the incidents." The names of the parties involved and specific details are not included.

The Caledonian-Record is currently waging a lawsuit against LSC and the Vermont State Colleges. The case was instigated in December of 1999 as a result of an off campus incident in which a number of students were charged with underage drinking. Shortly after the event took place, the Caledonian-Record was denied information from the college pertaining to the identities of the charged students and the mode of discipline the college would statistics should also include incidents at certain enforce on them.

the Caledonian-Record, "We wanted to know if dents, employees and the general public, which drinking was a problem at the college." Since this includes members of the local press.

incident, there have been hundreds of articles published nationwide focused on the topic of binge drinking and alcohol related injuries at colleges and universities thanks in large part to information published in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

The Clery Act, a federal law, states that all post-secondary institutions are "to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies." For schools to be in compliance with the Clery Act, they are required to "publish an annual report every year by October 1 that contains three years worth of campus crime statistics and certain security policy statements including sexual assault policies which assure basic victims' rights." These crime non-campus facilities, and the document must be According to Ellie Dixon, Managing Editor of publicly available during business hours to stu-

Although the Caledonian-Record was successful in acquiring certain crime records from LSC, they are anticipating a ruling from Judge Alan W. Cheever which could order the college to make more records accessible. "Were hoping," Dixon said, "the college will give us the names of violent offenders and students involved in sex and hate crimes." The Caledonian-Record is also attempting to gain access to certain disciplinary hearings at the college, because, Dixon stated, "There is a need to inform the community."

A message released from President Carol Moore, related to the lawsuit by the Caledonian-Record, states the college "believes that to provide the Caledonian with access to these records and hearings would violate the rights our students that are guaranteed under the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)." Lyndon State College will continue to apply its interpretation of FERPA until a judgment is made.

For more information on the Clery Act, visit http://www.campussafety.org/schools/cleryact/cl eryact.html.

Marina Cole to step down as Critic's editor-in-chief

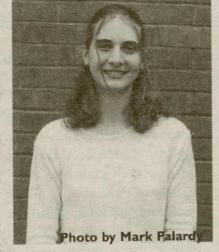
By Jamie Norton

IVI ed to call it quits.

State College's student-run newspaper, Cole will see The Critic, that I may as well be the one.

resign her position at the end of the 2002 spring semester, this her being issue.

"I'm getting kind of burned out," Cole said. "It's been hours hours and hours of time and a lot of work and really I think that



a paper can stagnate under the same leadership for too long, and I think any project could."

Cole's countless hours of commitment to the newspaper has all but brought it back from extinction. had been in a downward spiral since her freshman year and it had gotten to the point where, in list of the college's journalism and writing the semester before she took the reigns, only two issues had been published.

"I really liked reading The Critic and I wanted to see more issues, and it didn't look like anyarina Cole, the Critic's saving grace, has decid- body was going to step up and give The Critic the leadership that it needed," she said. "I figured, if After a year and a half at the mast of Lyndon no one else was going to do it and if I wanted to

> "I knew I could write okay and I'd done some things before kind of related. I figured I'd bring what I knew to The Critic."

> Cole, who will be a senior next year, had previous publication and management experience, which are vital attributes to anyone who wishes to take on the huge responsibility and commitment of the paper's editor-in-chief position. She wanted to use those skills, to revitalize The Critic and re-spark reader interest in the bi-weekly publication. But with only one other writer on the staff, she knew it would not be easy.

> "The first and biggest thing was getting a staff together because when I first came down, there was one reporter who had worked before that was willing to write again, and there was me, and that was it," she said. "So I had to start right away by drumming up some interest."

She did so by putting up posters, obtaining a

12 Tribes causes debate on campus

By Abigail Stoutimore

Ctudents raised concerns at the Student Senate Imeeting on April 23 about the visit of the 12 Tribes to Lyndon State College.

The 12 Tribes, a religious group, had originally planned to come to the college to exhibit dancing for the students and to share some of their traditions with the curious. The LSC dance team intended on sponsoring the event, and had obtained clearance from the college to follow through with such plans.

The plans for such an event were called to question when a concerned citizen notified the college of "qualities of the group that the college may not wish to support," stated LSC President Carol Moore. LSC faculty, were then faced with making the decision of whether to allow this group onto campus or to bar their access. After further researching the group and evaluating the situation at hand, it was decided the dance team would pull their sponsorship of the event, but that

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LSC joins campaign to promote liberal education

yndon State College President Carol A. Moore has joined with more than 375 other presidents from American colleges, large and small, public and private, in an unprecedented Association of American Colleges and Universities Campaign

Lyndon State College announces its participation in the groundbreaking Presidents' Campaign for the Advancement of Liberal Learning (Presidents' CALL) coordinated by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. This unprecedented national effort seeks to increase public understanding of liberal education and to foster a societal commitment to providing

a quality liberal education to every college student, regardless of the student's field of study. In signing the CALL statement, President Moore has pledged to speak out on the benefits of a 21st century liberal education and the practices and programs that will help every student achieve this kind of education.

Lyndon joins over 375 colleges and universities from around the nation in this effort, including Amherst, Bard, Cornell, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Purdue and Smith, among others.

"We are pleased to be a part of this national effort to advance public understanding of the nature and benefits of a liberal education in today's complex world," said President Moore. "Lyndon State has long recognized the value of a liberal education, a belief reflected in the general education courses required of every LSC graduate. These core courses, known at Lyndon as the GEU, ensure mastery of written and oral communication, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and information literacy. They also provide students with an appreciation of the interconnectedness of all intellectual pursuits."

"This Presidents' Campaign builds on a national resurgence and revitalization of liberal education practices and programs on campuses across the country," said AAC&U President Carol Geary Schneider. "It also responds to the business community's call for college graduates with the analytical and creative capacities provided by a 21st century liberal education."

Marina Cole to step down as Critic's editor-in-chief*cont. front pg

majors, and sending letters to campus mailboxes asking for anyone who was interested to contact her. She kept close contact with Critic supervisor Alan Boye to figure out exactly what the club had for supplies, what it needed, where to get what it needed, and what to do to get its rebuilding project off the ground.

Once she had all the paper's fundamental needs nailed down, "I just logically started from the top. I set a date for our first issue and I got people working on some stories. And really we just learned as we went. When stuff came up, we tended to that."

Getting The Critic back to a respectable level was not done without a great deal of personal sacrifices as well. Cole has committed 20-35 hours per week to the newspaper between interviews, composition, layout, and meetings during her tenure. That, combined with full-time credit hours, homework, and an attempt to spend with her family what little free time she has left, has been very taxing.

"The biggest challenge for me has just been in finding some kind of balance," she said. But she was willing to accept the challenge because she felt it necessary to have a good newspaper on campus.

"I think it's super important for a college to like it's going to be in good hands." have a very strong student newspaper for a number of reasons," she said. "First of all, students need to know what's going on, and where else are they going to find out an unbiased report of what's going on if it's not through their student newspaper?"

"Having a strong student newspaper helps get kids in here in the journalism and English lit programs," she added. "I think prospective students look at that, especially the journalism students (who) want to come to a place where there is a strong newspaper."

Cole hopes that the results of all her hard work and efforts will be able to attract incoming freshman next year so that a strong returning core of staff members will not only be able to stay intact, but also to grow.

"I think The Critic is going to be in good hands next semester all around. It seems like we have a core of dedicated people (who) are committed to it," she said. "I'd hate to see that I worked for a year and a half really, really hard just to have it go back to being in the state it was before. But I feel like we've got enough people now where The Critic's going to be safe to fly. I feel

Cole's ties with The Critic will not completely end after this year, however. She will serve as a mentor to the yet-undetermined editor-in-chief and will still regularly contribute her work to the newspaper that she brought back from the dead. But her focus will be primarily on doing what she needs to do to get through her final year at Lyndon State College and maybe even getting some time to spend with her family, a luxury she hasn't had much of in the last three semesters.

Despite all the hard work and commitment, however, she has enjoyed her time here.

"The Critic's really given me a place at this school," she said. "Once I got a place at The Critic, I found my spot in the school, a place where I could do something worthwhile, and I met a lot of awesome people. Everybody who I've worked with has just been very supportive, not just in what I've been trying to do with The Critic, but as real friends. I feel like I've worked with some of the smartest, most motivated, intelligent people in this school. It's definitely been great."

Maryland man runs for office seeking truth about UFO's

Washington, DC - On Wednesday, April 17 in the greater the awareness of UFO/ET phenomea press conference at the National Press na, the greater the conviction as to an extraterresup the UFO Cover-up, Terry Hansen 2000
- UFOs and the National Security State Club, Stephen Bassett announced he had filed to enter the congressional election for the 8th government is not telling the public the truth." District of Maryland as an independent. The 8th District is comprised primarily of Montgomery County and parts of Prince George's County and borders northwest Washington, D.C.

Bassett stated, "While the campaign will frankly engage a range of controversial national issues, the principal issue will be the need to end what is often referred to as the "UFO cover-up." He added that, "Numerous polls have shown the higher the income and educational demographic,

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trial presence, and the greater the belief the U.S.

The 8th District of Maryland is one of the highest educated and highest income communities in the nation. Mr. Bassett indicated, "The campaign is designed to serve as a referendum on the disclosure issue. By virtue of the signatures placed on the candidate petition, by the answers given to the pollsters, by the contributions made to the campaign and by the votes in November, the public can send a clear and powerful message to the nation's leaders and top-tier journalists who work and reside in the Washington metro area. They can say, 'It is time for a political resolution to the most difficult transition in human history. It is time for the truth to be told."

The campaign's title, Disclosure 2003, refers to the candidate's view that 2003 represents the first true window of opportunity since 1947 for the government to hold a formal disclosure event.

Key references, which the campaign will strongly promote regarding the lead issue, include:

- Missing Times: News Media Complicity in

- UFOs and the National Security State, Richard
- Website: www.presidentialufo.com
- Website: www.disclosureproject.org

Mr. Bassett is a lobbyist, activist, commentator and columnist. He is the founder of the Paradigm Research Group and the Executive Director of the political action committee, X-PPAC. His work has been referenced in, among others, the Washington Post, Washington Times, New York Times, Legal Times, Christian Science Monitor, National Journal and O'Dwyer's Washington Report. He has been featured in documentaries and a guest on numerous radio programs addressing the "Politics of UFOs: The Road to Disclosure." His family has lived in Montgomery County, Maryland since 1933.

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VSC staff unionization a disappointment to president

By Abigail Stoutimore

After a long wait, Vermont State Colleges are witnessing the unionization of yet another group of employees - the administrative staff, which includes supervisory and non-supervisor staff.

The supervisors and the professional, administrative and technical employees voted 68% in favor of unionizing with the United Professions of Vermont, according to Julia Curry, who notified VSC staff of the results of the vote.

Curry stated that the union "can be a great vehicle to promote fairness and respect within the VSC and promote the VSC throughout Vermont."

According to Lyndon State College President Carol Moore, there has been talk of a new union of VSC employees for the last two years. Moore said she was not surprised at the unionization, but that she was disappointed at the vote of the staff to do so. Moore said, however, that the administration already cooperates with two unions, and would work to do the same with the newly developed union.

Though the union will not have any power to change the budgeting of the VSC, it is required by law that all decisions that may change the working conditions and contracts of the VSC staff members must be "negotiated with the profes-

sional staff," stated Curry.

Moore said, "Once a union is formed, there are standard rules that must be followed." Because of such rules, the contract details such as salary, vacation and leave time, benefits working hours and flexibility will be discussed between the union and administrative authorities.

Currently, all policies in contracts will stay existing until the union begins to speak with administration about changes. Moore stated that it is difficult to predict any changes. "We'll just have to wait and see."

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the 12 Tribes would be allowed to present themselves at the college - independently.

Some students were still concerned with the arrival of the group to LSC's campus, stating that the group was almost 'cultish' and dangerous to students on campus. It was also mentioned by several parties that because the 12 Tribes is a religious

group, allowing them to present themselves on campus blurred the line between church and state.

Ari Dann, a senior environmental science major, defended the group during the Senate meeting, stating, "These are some of the most peaceful and loving people I have met. I don't see any problem with bringing such a group onto campus."

It was decided at the Senate meeting that there should be a meeting between the student body and Michelle La Barge, Director of Student Activities, and President Moore. This meeting will take place on May 8 at the Senate meeting at 9 p.m.



Information Technology is short on information

Editorial by Abigail Stoutimore

Tdo not get angry very often, and when I do, it Lis not usually the type of upset that will ruin my day. However, after a long awaited conversation with an employee at Information Technology, I believed that my wrath reached new heights.

Some months ago, The Critic made the decision to take its hard earned money, and purchased a much needed computer for its offices. The paper is currently using one computer - a computer that crashes in the middle of layout... not to mention that it is difficult for four editors and one layout manager to work around each other's schedules to use the darn thing. So I was ecstatic when the task of buying a new PC presented itself. I should have known better.

After first contacting IT and asking them about the computer, they explained to us what type of computer we would need and gave us an approximate cost - The Critic understood that the computer would be purchased through IT and

that the paper would simply pay for the equipment and shipping... wrong.

After some time, The Critic began to wonder, "Where is our computer?" IT informed us, "We have no idea - we don't order computers."

What? Don't you think that IT could of informed us of this before we waited, emailed them three times, and sat on our butts for a month?

So, after much frustration, the task fell upon me to order the new PC. I called IT during their office hours, because I stupidly assumed that there would be someone in the office at this time - boy, was I wrong. Not only was there no one available in the office (the answering machine message does not count as such), but my call was not returned until three days later!

Needless to say, I got enough information about ordering the now loathed computer to begin my duties...until I ran into some missing information, and needed help again. I dreaded calling IT again, but what else was I to do? Who

else on campus could tell me the specifications that I needed for the new PC?

So I called, twice. First call - no answer. I was not entirely surprised, considering my previous experience. Second call- someone picks up. Finally!

The guy on the phone was pretty nice and very helpful, and I suppose that I would have appreciated his help had he not told me that everything I needed to know was ON THE INTERNET! I could have spared three months of phone tag and waiting for answered calls by logging onto the internet and choosing my computer there? Could they not have told us this the very first day that it was that simple?

I was angry. I think I was polite to the guy on the phone, though I can't be sure (and I apologize for any rudeness) but really! I pay a technology fee as part of my admittance to this college. I don't appreciate that my college dollars are being spent so that students can get the run-around from a resource that is supposed to help them.

Reflecting: Looking back on the LSC experience and more

By Ari Dann

raduation is upon us, well some of us, finally, and Glooking back, it's been real. For three years now I've been here at Lyndon. The school years and the summers. I've really grown to like it here; there are a lot of good people here. I hope I can come back someday and see how things have progressed.

Well, at least I HOPE things progress. In case you're not aware, there are a few people and things around here that could use some serious help/improvement. If you are easily offended, you might as well go to another article now, because I will undoubtedly offend you now, whoever you are. Personally, when I'm offended I try to think about what it is that offends me, and why. Usually it's because something hits too close to home. When that happens I do my best to change the behavior that annoyed me in somebody else. Unfortunately, PR is not my strong point, and in this world, obviously, image means more than substance, as is evidenced by our un-elected president's environmental and international policies, and indeed, the UN's hypocritical and obviously biased standpoints regarding who's a terrorist and who's culpable for murders (The UN has some very dirty hands in Bosnia, by the way). Maybe I'm coming off as paranoid and alarmist. But then again, maybe it's time someone sounded an alarm. Bang a gong – get it on!

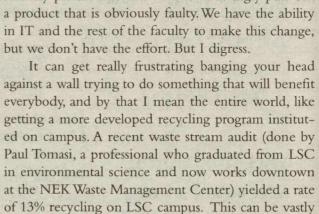
So, that being said, for my last contribution to literacy here in The Critic as an LSC student, I will hopefully shock you into a modicum of self-analysis. If you don't follow politics because you don't think it affects you, you'd best wake up quick, or remember to say your prayers about "If I die before I wake," in case you do, just like the 5 year old girl that was shot in the head in her parents' bedroom this morning (4.27.2002) in Israel was.

First off - if you don't like what's going on, quitcherbitchin and do something. If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I've been on Student Senate for two years now, which for those of you who don't know, basically décides on what gets done with the money you gave the school in Student Activity fees. Most of the time it's voting into existence brand new clubs so that they can play games or look cute, like giving over \$5K to Rugby, or \$15K to Hockey, or more money to the new Dance club than is in the budget for Sigma Zeta, which puts on a science fair for kids and gives a scholarship every year, or the Natural Science Society, which has been around for longer than any club on campus, that works with some woefully outdated equipment, and gives scholarships to people for trips where they learn something academic.

Sometimes something genuinely useful pops up in there, like how Student Association changed the rules to ban smoking within 30 meters of doors and windows of people's offices, which is actually more than just extremely rude, it's endangering other people's health. Sadly, however, useful ideas are often squashed, or simply ignored, like the lack of effort that went into raising charity funds to help victims of Sept. 11. I was on the committee for running the self-congratulating Spring Day with next to nothing in the way of environmental awareness, where all of my attempts to introduce something educational into it were met not with help, but with questions about whether we should give away shot glasses or beer cozies with LSC printed on them, and who's going to donate the potato chips.

I tried to get a club started to develop interest in using Linux, a different computer platform than the ubiquitous Winbloze, which could be implemented by many of our departments on campus, like meteorology, natural sciences, and GIS mapping, which is simultaneously more stable, and less susceptible to virus attacks and other forms of hacking... and here's the kicker - it's FREE - which would save the school tons of money (which if you've seen the latest budget, you'll know that this school is in serious danger of going into the red if people don't do something about it) in software licensing fees and promote a healthy diversity in educational programs instead of the virtual monopoly that we are forced to accept by our IT department. Personally, I don't trust any company that sells my private information and knowingly puts out a product that is obviously faulty. We have the ability in IT and the rest of the faculty to make this change, but we don't have the effort. But I digress.

against a wall trying to do something that will benefit everybody, and by that I mean the entire world, like getting a more developed recycling program instituted on campus. A recent waste stream audit (done by Paul Tomasi, a professional who graduated from LSC in environmental science and now works downtown at the NEK Waste Management Center) yielded a rate of 13% recycling on LSC campus. This can be vastly





Corrections

The photo caption of the fly ball catcher in CriticVol. 48, No. 10 should have identified the subject as Dave Poczobut. The Critic apologizes for misspelling Dave Deming's last name in the accompanying

In "Problems with proposed housing for LSC" [Critic Vol. 48 No. 11], the Barhydt's lawyer should have been identified as Robert Bent.

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The importance of students controlling the student newspaper

Editorial

Text year, there will be a new face in the English offices. That person, yet to be decided, will be the new journalism professor. This addition to the faculty could mean a lot of changes for your student newspaper.

President Moore has indicated that the new journalism professor will be the most logical person to advise The Critic. Moore also said she wants to see the campus paper reflect more positively on the college. She also pointed out that the administration of Lyndon State College "does have control" over The Critic through control of our funding.

It would be interesting, to say the least, to have an untenured faculty member advising the student newspaper at a time when the president appears to have goals in mind for that newspaper. Untenured faculty have to considwhat will gain them tenure...and what if that meant taking the "student" out of student newspaper?

Now don't think me as paranoid as Ari, or do if it suits you, I couldn't care less, but when the president tells me she wants the student newspaper to be more positive about the college, bells go off in my

The Critic staff works extremely hard to create a real newspaper. Real newspapers are not interested in who looks good and who looks bad. They are interested in truth. If the truth is that our administrators, faculty and students are just regular people who make mistakes, The Critic is not interested in making them look like anything but what they are. And if the mistakes are large, such as the mistake our chancellor recently made with his comments before the legislature, it is not The Critic's job to take his side, nor will we ignore the issue. If the truth bothers people that is too bad. Maybe it will inspire them to do a better job.

Freedom of the press is guaranteed in the constitution. Free media is necessary in a democracy so people can choose for themselves what they will and what they will not believe.

In a recent e-mail, Moore addressed the issue of the lawsuit the local paper, The Caledonian-Record, has filed against LSC to make campus security records open. In that e-mail, she says "that Caledonian-Record editors have assured me on more than one occasion that the newspaper would always attempt to obtain institutional reaction before printing stories with negative implications." While it is a good idea for any paper to contact both sides for comments on any issue, no paper has to abide by such deals. They are free to present a story as they see fit to print. It is up to the public to sort it out for themselves. That is a part of free media. No one is forced to buy The Caledonian-Record.

The Critic, similarly, is not obliged to talk about how great our school is. We strive for a balance hence you can read both press releases written by LSC staff (clearly labeled as such for a reason), editorials exposing problems and suggesting solutions, and news articles presenting both sides of issues. Furthermore, in our operations policy manual, under our purpose clause, it states we will maintain "editorial independence from the student body, staff, faculty, and administration of Lyndon State College."

If The Critic does not always glorify the college or its leaders, or even its staff and students, that is because that is not our purpose. Administrators have the right, and the money, to print their own paper. But they do not have the right to interfere with the student voice. If we do not reflect positively on the school (a hard case to make, by the way...look at our center spread and talk to be about positives and negatives), the blame does not lie with us. The truth remains the truth, not matter who likes it, no matter who

Peace for all the peace practicers

To the Editor:

First off, I would like to congratulate Eric Gordon for having enough gumption to write a reply to such an obviously over the top and inciteful (insightful?) piece. Second, I would like to congratulate myself for being so important that he had to mention my full name SEVEN TIMES in the response. As to the issue of racism and intolerance, which comes from ignorance, let me address this: I spent many years of my life running around with one of the best friends I've ever had, who both showed me the truth, and told me when he wouldn't tell me everything for my own protection. He is of obvious partial African descent, and I've seen others' biases to that firsthand.

Maybe I went a little overboard on my comments about Mexicans, but that was simply to make a point about security and border issues with a neighbor that actually wants peace and business relations. De mas, yo no queria te dar de mal al boca con mi articulo. Pero, si yo descubierto de gente que querian hacer de malo a mi familia... My half-Mexican Jewish niece is the most beautiful girl in the world, and if one of the neighbors set out on a deliberate plan to do her harm simply because she is Mexican or Jewish, there is no end to the hell I would bring upon them. They, like the terrorists that are wanted for arrest, should consider themselves lucky to be alive at all, and to leave alone the issue of trying to draw any sympathy from anyone else.

At this point I would like to clarify a few errors that I mistakenly sent to print in my last letter. I did not intentionally

is actually 97%. Again, apologies.

population into a jihad, and the rest of Testament." the world into the conflict. He has

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ered myself a pacifist, with violence being the absolute last option. I'm all Watch out for those that don't. for talks of peace when actions do not say war. I'm not a journalist; I'm a realist. I have never said that Muslims are evil, and in the interest of knowledge and understanding, I looked up some

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Now THINK about what all this been given many opportunities to means, and what you would do if it said choose peace, and has refused every YOU, and whether you can still possibly one. For more details on the last Camp think Israel is being anything but fair in David talks from a third-party perspec- its self-preservation. Ask yourself if you visit would want to have people actively try to http://foxnews.com/story/0,2933,50 kill you as neighbors. And if you can 830,00.html. For more news from the think of a peaceful solution, send it to me Middle East media in all its unbridled when I'm in grad school in Israel workglory, steer your browser to a page that ing on a way to fix this close-to-forsaken translates directly from Arabic at planet, and how to protect it from those www.memri.org. For all the news who perpetuate death. Lead, follow, or

I have for my entire life consid- Peace out to all those who practice it.

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Recognizing a good job

To the Editor:

I would like to take a minute and thank The Critic and its staff for the improvements and amount of effort put into bringing the newspaper up to its current level. Being your "neighbor," I have seen Marina Cole and others put in a lot of hours to make this happen.

I look forward to reading each issue as it comes out, as you have excellent coverage and make for interesting reading. So, thanks to ALL of you involved.

Also, the radio station has shown a great amount of improvement, and it is time to say "kudos" to Matt Gagnon and fellow station operators.

To each and every one of you, your hard work and determination do not go without notice, especially by your fellow Basement Dweller.

> Keep on smiling, Harry Swett Mailroom Supervisor

Spring Day starts with quaking, ends with shaking

By Carrissa Larsen

t approximately 7 a.m. on April 20, the earth Atrembled. Those people who were awake described it as a large truck rumbling by their

building. In actuality, it was an earthquake originating in New York that could be felt in several surrounding states. This event, rarely experienced in Vermont, seemed to usher in a day full of exciting possibilities.

Anyone who chose to be on the Lyndon State College campus that day had the chance to realize some of those possibilities. Even though it was a bit chillier than the days before, LSC's annual Spring Day was bright and sunny and full of great activities for everyone to enjoy indoors and out.

The day started off at a leisurely pace, with booths set up in the

Stannard Gym. These booths included tie dying, face painting, stress ball making, free baby trees, a child poster contest, and a bake sale. While only a few people were stirring that early, the diligent booth tenders manned their stations anyway.

The day really got under way when the band "Rizzo" took the stage in the Stannard Gym. A punk group made up of a female vocalist, female drummer, male lead guitar and lead bass, the members were a mix of Vermont locals and New Jersey natives. The group drew people in with their great sound and enthusiasm.

While most of the onlookers watched the band from the bleachers, two LSC students braved

the floor and got down to some serious dancing. James Azeveelo, a sophomore IDM major, whipped his impressively long mane around wildly as he danced around with his friend. He said of the band, "The music kicked ass!"

Once the band wrapped up, people wandered checked out the various booths. The most popular seemed to be the face painting booth. Mobbed the younger

Spring Day participants, Casey Smith, a sophomore and human services major, just smiled as she patiently painted the eager faces. Smith said she set up the booth for fun, and even though she didn't say so herself, she was one of the students responsible for setting up all of the Spring Day activities.

The booth that followed closely in popularity was the tie dye booth. At that booth, any interested participants could grab a piece of cloth and dive right in, letting their creative juices flow to create an original design in a wide choice of colors. Clotheslines were hung so the pieces could dry, decorating the outside of the building with a colorful display. The booth was so popular that the

> people involved in running it were forced to plies.

> Erin Smith, a sophomore television production major, was responsible for running the tie dye booth along with Dianna Sumner, a freshman business major. Both were excited with the success of their booth, especially Erin Smith, who, also helped to organize the Spring Day activities.

"I'm really happy

with the turn out," Erin Smith said, stating that there were more people than she expected attending the Spring Day events.

At the stress ball-making booth, people creat-

ed fun objects to take their aggression out on by filling balloons with

At the free baby tree booth, a box of pine saplings were put out for people to help themselves to, so they could take a tree home and have a little spring time in their own backyards.

The bake sale and raffle table

was set up by

the junior class of education majors to raise money for their upcoming trip to Boston. With a table full of sweet treats for sale, and a beautiful quilt and other prizes to raffle off, the booth had many interested people stopping by. Jennifer Amadon, one of the junior education majors raising money for their trip, took her turn manning the booth and said, "We may not raise as much money as we need, but anything we can get is good."

The next big event for the day was a poetry reading headed Chandler

Gilman, Assistant Professor of English, featuring writers for this year's issue of the Lyndon Review. Basking in the afternoon sunshine outside of the library steps, the poets read a great selection of their works.

Andrea Luna, Assistant Professor of English and Coordinator of Composition, was the first to read. A poet who has been published in the Lyndon Review in the past, but not this year, she read her works "Down With Picnics," "Listening

to the Thunder," and "Heidi Grows Up." Next, Dana Amey, a senior English literature/journalism major, read her piece "Specters" which was published in the Lyndon Review. Norm Johnson, a psychology/human services major and perpetual sophomore, read "Oregon Tree run out for more sup- Planters" and a piece titled "Kesey," which was not featured in the Review.

> Other contributors to this year's Lyndon Review listened to the poetry reading, offering their support. These contributors included Lesley Jenne, a junior English journalism major, and Bill Graves, a senior English literature/journalism major, who was also the editor of the Lyndon Review. Gilman frequently injected enthusiastic sales pitches for the Lyndon Review, and wrapped up the reading by sharing a few of his own pieces.

> A few feet away from the poetry reading, a single purple paddleboat floated on the library pond for interested Spring Day attendees. Dena Hack, a freshman recreation major, kept watch over the people using the boat with her lifeguard skills. When asked what she thought of her first Spring Day, Hack replied, "It's a fun thing for everyone!" Brian Mayher and Jenn Omelianoff

> > echoed the sentiment they hopped the paddleboat saying, "Spring day is fun!" The day ended with



a performance from the band "Famous." At the time when the band was scheduled to perform, however, LSC's sound crew was nowhere to be found. Instead of getting agitated, the three members of the band chatted and joked around with their modest audience. Ben Phillaps, the lead singer and guitar player, bounced around happily as he talked, displaying an energy that made it clear why he was the band's front man. Mark Damon, the group's bassist, was more grounded, talking in a serious and friendly tone. The band's drummer, Tommy Vinton, hung back with Paul Acomb, the band's road manager, and did not say much but kept on an easygoing smile the whole time. "Famous" is a group out of New York City that just released their debut album and is on its first tour, with Lyndon being one of its stops along the way.

When the sound guys finally showed up and the band was able to get going, they were great. With a rock sound that went from mellow to hardcore, hitting all the stops in between, they gave everyone something to move to. It did not take long before the audience was on the floor dancing to the music.

Starting off with moving and swaying, and ending with rocking and rolling, Spring Day proved to be a fun time for everyone. It will continue to be a Lyndon State College tradition and should be experienced by everyone.

Twilight Players cut loose in an extraordinary show

By Marina Cole

The Twilight Players rocked the Alexander Twilight Theatre with their musical, "Footloose." The quiet boy from history class, the reserved club representative, and the shy girl you would not notice in the hallway were transformed on stage into confident singing and dancing stars.

Backed by a live band, the Twilight Players sang their way various titles as Ren McCormack, played by Lyndon State College student Thomas Perry, proved to the little town of Bomont that "dancing is not a crime."

Perry worked his way through a variety of demanding scenes, including a scene at the Burger Blast, which he skated through, literally, on a pair of inlines. Perry, and costar Sara Roy, playing Ariel Moore, got through the bridge scene and "Almost Paradise" not on the strength of

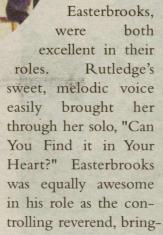


their voices, but on guts alone – and pulled off the number to a burst of hard-earned applause.

Erica Rutledge, playing Ariel's mother, Vi, and her on-stage husband Rev. Shaw, played by Jamie

Nicholas Martin.

The women were equally great. Sunny Naughton brought all kinds of spunk to Rusty's character, just as Amanda McDermott gave Urleen all the necessary sass and sarcasm.



ing tears to the eyes of some audience members with his "Heaven Help Me" solo.

The students and community members in the smaller roles by no means showed smaller amounts of skill. Michael Weems was all sex appeal as Chuck Cranston, strutting his tuff through "The Girl gets Around." Kevin Legace as Garvin tapped out parts of the memorable "Mama Says" scene with cohorts Thomas Jacques, Jared Tron, and

The entire cast deserved their ovation at the show's end. After two hours of singing and dancing their hearts out, they wrapped it up with an all-member finale of "Footloose," featuring well-choreographed moves snapped out by the prom-attired cast. The Twilight Players dancing, and singing, surely was not a crime: it was a treat the likes of which LSC has not had in a while.





I would like to thank the cast of "Footloose" for making this performance a wonderful experience. Sunny, you always made me smile. Tommy, thanks for being so "you know:)" Lydia, you were great at laughing at my perverted stories. And to everyone else, thanks for all the support – can't wait to do this again next year. I hope you all see us next year too.

Love Amanda Mc Dermott



Tim Hagerty's Inside Pitch

Super Bowl champions' tour hits Vermont

onday, February 4 was not your typical Monday. Instead of dreading the workday, sports fans across New England were rejoicing. The New England Patriots had won the Super Bowl the night before.

In the months following the upset win over the St. Louis Rams, the Patriots have been traveling around the region with their Vince Lombardi trophy. This tour has shown there are passionate fans outside of the Boston area.

This was obvious on April 17, when the Patriots visited the state house in Montpelier. 500 fans skipped out on work or school to see the champs. Making the rounds to cities like Montpelier has put the New England in New England Patriots.

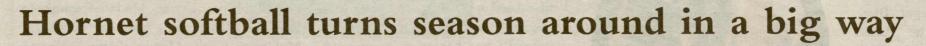
"This is my first year being up here in the New England area, so I had no idea," said Patriots running back Antwain Smith. "The fans here are great, not only in the Boston area, but as I can see, all over New England. I'm just happy they came out and gave us the support we need."

Smith was joined by teammates Richard Seymour and David Patten. Team owner Bob Kraft also made the journey. While Kraft recalled family ski trips in Vermont, the three players had never even been to the Green Mountain State. "I love Vermont, this is my type of living," said

After Montpelier Mayor Chuck Karparis presented Kraft with a key to the city, the owner addressed the fans on the steps of the state house. "I think in many ways our team represents the

type of people who live in Vermont," he said. "They're unselfish, they come together for a greater cause, and they let their actions speak louder than their words."

That wasn't the only honor the Patriots received. Mark your calendars for a new holiday. In what was his first and last Patriots Super Bowl speech, due to his ensuing departure from office, Vermont's Governor Howard Dean announced that April 17 is now "New England Patriots Day" in Vermont. "The New England Patriots showed all of Vermont why so many Vermonters cheer themselves hoarse for this team," he said.

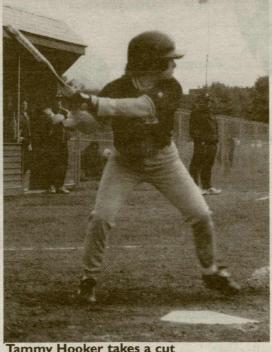


By Jamie Norton

If there was a poster child for 180-degree turn-Larounds, the Lyndon State women's softball team would be it. The Lady Hornets, who began the season with a dismal 2-9 record, won 10 of their last 14 games and fell just short of a playoff berth.

"The beginning of the schedule was tough because we just hadn't been outside," coach Tammi Cady said of her team's early-season struggles. "We were learning to work together as a team, and things really started to gel towards the end."

LSC won its last five consecutive games and seven of its last eight, and there wasn't a team in



Tammy Hooker takes a cut

Photo by Matthew Kaier

A little shout out to all intramural participants

s the director of the intramural program, I would like to acknowledge and give a special thanks to all of those who have helped to make the program a success. Without your hard work and dedication, we could not offer the variety of activities that we do each year. Over 500 contests were played. Thanks so very much for making my job not only easier, but enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Sue Henry

The Lyndon State College Intramural Program would like to thank the following people:

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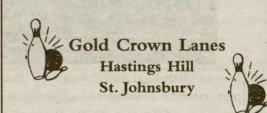
that stretch that could keep up with the red-hot Hornets. Lyndon did not give up more than three runs in any of its last four games, while they beat up on their opponents' hurlers. Cady explained that the Hornets' offensive success is not due to weak pitching. On the contrary, they handle a quick pitcher as well as, if not better than, a slower pitcher.

"We've seen some strong pitching and we've seen some weak pitching, and we don't have problems with the strong pitching," she said. "We seem to hit better when we (face) stronger pitching. The faster the pitcher, the better I think we hit, actually."

In that case, Johnson State and Notre Dame must have had the best pitching LSC has seen. Lyndon pounded JSC, 13-7 and smoked Notre Dame, 13-2. The Hornets' pitching, in the meantime, has all but baffled their adversaries. Jean Norris, Hallie Chouinard, and Lindsay Maguire taken the tossing duties and have held teams to a respectable average of about four earned runs per game.

"Our pitching's been excellent," Cady said. "We have three quality pitchers, and, on any given day, they could be easily one of the best in our conference."

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Bowling at Gold Crown Lanes

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IN THE CHEAP SEATS

With Jamie Norton



Until next year - so long ... so short

Please. Somebody get me a tissue to wipe the tears from my eye. This is the last issue of the Critic for the 2001-02 academic year.

And I am crying with joy.

Do you have any idea how much work this stuff is? I never did until I was sucked in by the overwhelming force of annoyance due to the fact that our own school newspaper didn't even have a sports section. What gives? What do you think most college guys (and many girls too, not to alienate) read newspapers for? It's not to read about budgets or proposals or figures. No, people want a select few things when they read a newspaper. People want crime, scandals, comics, and sports. And since nothing exciting ever happens on this campus and our comics have gone AWOL, I'm just giving the people what they want.

Of course, now that the end of the school year has so quietly sneaked up on us and blatantly slapped us all in the face, I am assuming the people want something else now. You all want to go home. And it is for that reason that

the Critic will end its publication year with this issue. So I guess that means that our dedicated collection of faithful readers (all twelve of you) will need to look elsewhere for your reading entertainment, information, and criticism. That's right. All of you nit-picking English students and professors will need to look at some other publication for typos and errors (rest assured, however, that finding a publication with more mistakes than ours will be quite a phenomenal feat).

Now, you might be getting rid of us for a few months, but we will be back. That's right, our staff members will all be back next year, again endlessly hounding people to join us as we embark on our everlasting journey toward mediocrity, putting up posters, looking for information (anything news worthy! PLEASE!), and generally sticking our noses where they don't belong (like we care). So watch out.

I, too, will be returning as sports editor here. Call me a complete wacko (for those of you who haven't taken the liberty as of yet), but I have thoroughly enjoyed being here at *the Critic*, despite all the hard work I have had to endure. And even though it's a pain in the hind sometimes, I just can't stop. That's why I will be returning next year to bug all you coaches and players and hopefully not annoy people too much. Then again, if I do, I suppose I'm doing my job, aren't I?

So look out, Skip Pound. Take cover, Dave Mellor. Watch your back, Eric Berry. Tammi Cady, you can run but you can't hide. I will find you. All of you. Basketball, baseball, softball — none are safe from the reign; the reign of newsprint terror I will bestow upon you all. Soccer? Tennis? Crosscountry? Think you're safe? No, you will only be the latest victims on my treacherous mission. *The Critic* sports section will thrive next year. Every issue will be filled with your stories. Your, successes, your defeats, the glory, the agony, everything. Nothing will be left undetected on my radar. So don't try to escape. I'll be back — and better than ever.

Hornets make first playoff appearance since 1997

By Jamie Norton

Before the 2002 baseball season started, Lyndon State baseball coach Skip Pound had a feeling that his Hornets would be a highly improved baseball team. He had no idea they would be this good, however.

The Hornets swept a doubleheader at home against Fisher College on April 30 to improve their record north of Florida to an even 13-13, eight wins better than last season, and enough to qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

"Our level of play is a little better (than in tecent years)," Pound said. "We've got better pitching and more depth in our pitching. And we've got two or three kids that are added to the lineup that give us a little spark. And the kids that we've had in the past are hitting much better than they hit in the previous two years. We're hitting much better as a team."

That has shown throughout the season, as the Hornets put double-digits worth of runs on the board on several occasions, including such performances in a 10-9, 12-4 double-header sweep against St. Michael's College and a 14-4 rout of UMaine-Farmington.

Lyndon entered the Fisher twinbill in pretty good status, needing only to win one of the two games against a team the Hornets had beaten up on earlier in the season. LSC jumped to an early 4-0 lead behind its ace, Jared Carlson, but a three-



Jared Carlson delivers a pitch in one of Lyndon's two victories over Saint Michael's College on April 24.

Photo by Matt Kaier

run spot in the third got Fisher within a run. Lyndon managed to push one more run across the plate and held on to win, 5-4, to punch its ticket for the weekend's four-team, double-elimination post-season tournament. With the pressure off, the Hornet bats came alive and tagged Fisher with a 9-3 win, just for good measure.

"I was very pleased (with the win)," Pound said. "We had a couple times in the first game when we had opportunities to get runs in and we

didn't, but we got the pitching when we needed it and we made the plays when we had to. ... I was worried about the weather, not getting the second game in, so we really wanted to get the first game and make sure that was by the board."

After winning just five games last season and even fewer the year before, the new-and-improved Hornets have been playing around .500 all season long. While they have played some disappointing games, according to Pound, they have also dominated others. The entire roller-coaster season has been a learning experience, and Skip feels that a post-season appearance will be beneficial to a strong team that may be even stronger in the future.

"We (the coaches) thought it was very important to this team, because we have so many kids coming back and we have so much talent here, that we get to that level and see what that intensity's about," he said. "We really want this group of kids to get the experience to go in there with the eye to, next year, be in the playoffs somewhere. Because the first time around is quite an experience and you want them to absorb that.

"(The tournament is) really pretty good ball. It's a pretty big hoopla and our (league's best) teams are all there and there's pretty good crowds usually, and it's a nice atmosphere."

Baseball is alive in Montreal - sort of

Commentary by Jamie Norton

When Major League Baseball announced its plans (or its wishes) this winter to contract two teams after this season, the first team that was named in all conversations of this wretched act was the Montreal Expos. It just made the most sense. It's in a town where the fans say, "baseball, ey?" and go to the hockey game, where it snows until May, where the notorious Astroturf still exists, and where nobody would really miss having a Major League franchise.

Being a huge baseball fan, and having never been to Montreal despite the relatively short trip away from LSC, I figured that, if I were ever going to check out "Les Expos," this would have to be the year. Who knew if I would have the opportunity to do so next season?

A few days after tickets went on sale for the 2002 Montreal Expos season, I got on the phone and made the call. Less than a week earlier, I had called the Boston Red Sox' ticket office, and then I called it again. And again. And again. Sox tickets had gone on sale at noon that day, and after hearing that profoundly irritating busy signal over and over all day long, I finally got through at 9:30 that night, only to discover that the game I wanted to go to was already sold out. Somehow, 40,000 people had managed to get tickets for that one particular game, while I had called 400,000 times and didn't even get through once.

That wasn't a problem with the Expos. I called about three days after tickets went on sale and they had plenty of seats left (and really good ones, too). So I bought four tickets for April 28 against my favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals, and paid \$36 for each. I thought \$36 seemed a little high for an Expos game (no wonder nobody goes to their games, I thought), but then I realized that that was Canadian currency. I had actually only paid \$25 per seat in real money, which was a bit more reasonable.

The day of the game finally arrived and three of my friends and I got in my car and took the drive up. After a two-hour trip, we finally got to the big city (the only sign of civilization we had seen since we left Lyndon). Driving was kind of tricky, between trying to decipher all the Frenchwritten road signs (I took Spanish in high school) and trying not to get smashed by the unpredictable city traffic. I would like to brag, however, that we found Olympic Stadium without incident

(except for that 18-wheeler that almost hit us). Once we got there, it was all baseball.

We got there a good two hours before game time. Now, any other park is alive and buzzing with people two hours before the game. That wasn't the case here. There were about 20 people wandering around, maybe five in the gift shop. All I could think of was all the gift shops and stores outside of Fenway Park where you have to walk sideways to squeeze through everybody.

We got into the "park" (although "park" usually indicates an outdoor setting), and the first feeling I got was that we were inside a big, open warehouse. You could hear the echoes of the bat ring throughout the closed-roof stadium; it just felt completely impersonal and raw. Looking around, the stadium had nothing more than the bare essentials of a baseball park: the ugly navyblue walls in the outfield, the old net for a backstop, the patches of dirt instead of actual basepaths, the not-so-great lighting. The stadium had no special, personal touches to make it unique like Fenway and its Green Monster or Wrigley and its ivy-covered walls. You could have plopped this park down in any city, any setting. In fact, it looked just like the parks I had been to in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, except it had a roof, making it even less baseballish. I was disappointed at how "blah" the whole stadium was, but after awhile, I didn't let it bother me. After all, I was watching Major League Baseball, live and in per-

The game was finally on after the recital of both the American and Canadian national anthems. You could tell, though, that the crowd wasn't into it. Even when they announced the starting lineups, you heard nothing more than golf claps. The people in the crowd just didn't care. When I looked around the park, I noticed there seemed to be a lot more Cardinals fans in attendance than Expos fans. That just wasn't right.

The Cardinals had their ace, Matt Morris, on the hill against Tomo Okah, who New Englanders may remember, as he pitched for Boston less than a year ago. I figured Morris, a 22-game-winner last year, would have little trouble against one of the perennially worst teams in baseball, while Okha would struggle against a team that had made the playoffs the last two seasons.

Ohka and Morris battled through three scoreless innings when the Montreal bats suddenly came to life. Vladimir Guerrero, one of the greatest hitters not only in Montreal, but in the league, came up in the bottom of the fourth inning. He was one of the only few hitters in the Expos lineup that I was worried about, and I figured, if the Cards could contain him, they'd be okay.

They couldn't contain him.

Vladdy came up and hit a screaming line drive deep to the corner in left field. In denial, I figured it would bounce off the wall and fall for a double. Nope. It cleared it, and, for the first time, I actually heard cheers from the crowd of 3,500, and relatively loud ones at that.

Next thing I knew, the very next batter, Lee Stevens, came up and smashed one out as well. The crowd went wild again. A double, triple, and single later, the Expos suddenly had a 4-0 lead against one of the best pitchers in baseball, and the park was suddenly alive, the way it should be. It was a nice feeling, even though my Cards were in the hole.

The crowd got even louder when Guerrero stepped into the batter's box in the next inning. So how did he show his appreciation? By cranking another dinger. The crowd was crazy and we were actually watching a good game (from Montreal's perspective, anyhow). It was almost like actual Major League Baseball. I loved it.

The Expos ended up holding on for a 5-2 victory, sending Montreal's faithful few home happy. While I was disappointed that my Cards never really got back into the game, I still had a great time being there, just because it was big league ball.

Baseball may not be a high priority up north of the border, where hockey rules and it snows all the time, but it was evident to me that day that there was actual life up there that did care about the old pastime. The Expos are in first place, playing their best baseball in years, showing they belong. Contraction won't solve baseball's money problems, and even though the game is more popular in some cities than in others, nobody really wants to see a team disposed of. Besides, what would those few thousand people do every weekend between hockey seasons if they couldn't brave the snowstorm to go down to the old warehouse for a game?

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Freshman Hallie Chouinard delivers
Photo by Matthew Kaier

Despite such credentials, however, LSC just missed qualifying for the playoffs, its11-8 conference record (12-13 overall) just one win shy of a tournament berth. The early exit means an early goodbye to five seniors, four of which have been with the program since they were freshmen. Cocaptains Jill Gilardi and Amy Chamberlain will graduate this year alongside Norris, Kim Kangas, and first-year Hornet Tammy Hooker.

"All of the seniors really led the team with everything," Cady said. "So the seniors are going to be definitely a loss."

Cady knows, however, that LSC softball will

be strong again next season, however, as she will be returning Chouinard and Maguire as pitchers as well as the bats of Leslie Sykes, who led the team in batting, home runs, and RBI, and Maggie Scott, who drove in 20 runs for Lyndon this spring. Linsey Harmon, who batted .326, will also be returning. So Cady has reason to be optimistic for the 2003 season.

"We have a lot of people coming back," Cady said. "I think the people (who) are coming back will make a great team and are going to be able to step up. So we should be tough."

Hot for The Hotties: Local band going for big time

By Carrissa Larsen

The Hotties are a small band that has just produced their first CD, entitled "Winding Roads and Grown out Mullets." The band is made up of three members. Chris Guest, 18, plays bass and is lead vocals. Chad Grant, 19, plays guitar and sings back up, and his brother, Ryan Grant, 21, completes the group as the drummer. Ryan Grant attends Lyndon State College, and the other two band members work locally.

The three have been together as "The

Hotties" for two years. They are currently trying to put together their first tour this summer with another band they are friends with. The group is very happy with the success of their first CD, especially with all of the airplay they are getting out in the Midwest. There they are getting 560 spins a week and are number 32 on the New Music Weekly Top 40.

"Winding Roads and Grown out Mullets" delivers a light-hearted and fun alternative sound that makes it very easy to put it in your CD player and let it spin until every track is played out.

Tracks such as "N'Sync Wants to Kill Me" and "Too Bad She's Boring" are especially good songs to just pop in while driving.

"The Hotties" are currently working on recording their second CD, which they hope conveys a little more of their punk sound and more maturity. Go out and pick up their first album and you eill be ready to hear more. It is also a great way to support a very talented local group who are well on the way to bigger things.

Catch a rare glimpse into the "Memoirs of a Geisha"

By Carrissa Larsen

Memoirs of a Geisha Arthur Golden, Random House, Inc., 1999. 434 pages, \$14.00, soft cover

This novel is the first for author Arthur Golden, but if it's any indication of his talent, then he has a bright future ahead of him. "Memoirs of a Geisha" is a rich story full of details so vivid you can imagine yourself in the streets of Japan.

The novel centers around a young girl named Chiyo from a small fishing village. When her mother becomes ill and her father can't support her and her older sister, Satsu, they are sold off to different places in the large village of Kyoto. When Chiyo arrives in her new home, she learns that she is to be trained as a geisha, a glamorous position for a woman in Japan.

While the western world usually connects the word "geisha" with "protitute," it is far from the truth. In Japanese society, a geisha is a highly trained entertainer of men, schooled in dancing, conversation, music, and rituals such as tea pouring. A geisha only sleeps with men who she chooses or those who become her patrons and pay for lessons, gifts, and general living expenses.

The tale follows Chiyo on her long and dif-

ficult road to becoming a geisha. Along the way, the reader gets a rare glimpse into the world of the geisha, a world that has remained secret to outsiders for centuries.

The reader can be assured that even though Chiyo's story is fiction, all of the details of the geisha's world are accurate. Golden spent ten years writing "Memoirs of a Geisha," spending a long time interviewing real Japanese geisha and getting them to reveal to him details that have remained largely unknown until now.

This novel is an excellent read. Anyone should enjoy sitting down with Golden's highly acclaimed novel. This book can be picked up at any bookstore, and should be right away.

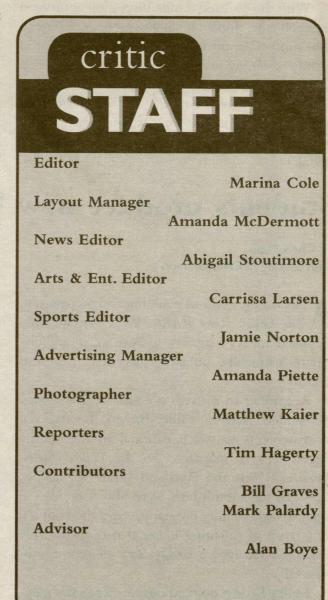
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improved. With the WILLINGNESS AND EFFORT of everybody here, we can make this a much better place to live, study, and work. I have been on President Moore's Strategic Planning committee this year, with an additional subcommittee on energy and waste reduction. On a team with Paul, and physics professor Metin Yersel (one of the most pragmatic people I know), we came up with some ideas about a plan to do more recycling on campus, which has been met with support in some quarters, like from Janitorial staff who are overworked and underfunded, and have been met with foot-dragging in other quarters, like from the head of Maintenance. I have heard from students in the dorms that recycling bins in the hallways have actually been removed because they constituted a "fire hazard". Maintenance as a department is overworked and underfunded, but with some cooperation with everyone, I believe that we can ease some of that burden and if there's a work-study position that can do this - you might even be able to make a few bucks helping!

That's what I'll do, if I can find the time, of course, but who has time? I gotta know who's sleeping with who on "Friends" or what NFL gangster is blowing his well deserved multi-million dollar salary on drugs, hookers, and gas-guzzling cars. Better yet, I wanna buy bulk quantities of crappy beer to swill while I talk about the merits of one professional team I'll never be on compared to another I'll never own stock for, that play for towns I've never been to. I wanna follow these developments closely so I can discuss them over more beer on Wednesday night while I check out barelylegal (and obviously not even close) hootchie at a local establishment so I can get drunk and rowdy and escape my miserable existence, then drive home trashed, putting other people's lives at risk. I wanna take some chick home with me and reduce her from a human being to a mere object, hey - I've heard enough chicks walking around campus talking and acting like that's all

they're worth. Maybe I'll pretend I care about what she has to say, at least long enough to get her in the sack. I can brag about it on the walls of the bathroom, or I could deny that it ever happened, "It wasn't me", or I could lie that I don't remember because I was too drunk. Maybe I can get a disease from the one-nightstand if I get lucky! I wanna puff some butts all the while, insuring that while I'm killing myself, I can give other people cancer, too. So what if some starving kid in a third world country I can't even pronounce could get enough food to stay alive from the land that's used to farm the tobacco that I want? Hey, who cares if there's some kid somewhere in Vermont that could use some food? Give me more beef! So what if the living conditions in most factory farms are enough to make someone puke? So what if it takes 10 times as much land for a pound of beef than it does for a pound of vegetables? So what if it takes 50 times more water? So what if it's actually cheaper to be vegetarian or just eat fish. Meat is tasty! Ok, you're right, I could go get my own meat. Nothing feels quite as good as the power rush of taking the life of another being, so I'll go shoot something and throw it in the back of my pickup like a trophy for all to see, just like the bully I am. Maybe I'll burn a few gallons of gas just driving around showing off. Maybe we can tap the Rockies for more. Hell, I'm an American! This is the greatest damn country on Earth! One nation, under G-d, a hair's breadth above the devil, with irresponsibility and injustice for all.

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Legislative Day themes community service

By Dave Harrison Courtesy of VSCAP, Johnson

Johnson State College students, along with other VSC students, appeared at the State House in Montpelier to show legislators student and campus progress on Legislative Day. Among them were JSCSA and VSCSA President Robert Heim, Angi Francesci with Vancouver, Jackie Barresi, and JSC Dean of Students and VSCSA advisor, Ron Chesbrough.

The event takes place annually. Students from the Vermont State College system were able to set up displays and literature in the card room, in hopes that legislators and state officials would stop by and take a look at the activities, events, and issues of each VSC campus.

"In the past few years, the focus has kind of been on the problems that students have been having with paying their tuition bills, and the rising cost of tuition," Heim said. "This year we changed that theme a little because we got a fairly good budget increase...and focused more on what we've been doing in the community."

This year, the VSC budget is expected to receive a 3 percent increase while other state departments experienced budget cuts.

According to Heim, Vancouver was the main attraction. Vancouver is a Black Lab and is part of Francesci's community service project, of which she has spent 12,000 hours training him as a Seeing Eye companion for the blind. JSC has permitted Francesci to train Vancouver on campus and is allowed to bring him into the campus buildings and classes. "He has to be socialized and trained, and this is a great campus to do it on," Francesci said. Although JSC has not directly funded the project, the college and the JSCSA is a fundamental key for the community-based program to happen, and is considered a good exam-

ple of JSC and student commitment to the community.

The issue of funding was addressed, according to Chesbrough. "I did get the opportunity to address the issues of funding, and I think the message was received well," Chesbrough said, adding that his role at Legislative Day was not particularly funding, but rather support as advisor for the VSCSA.

Four of the five VSC colleges were represented at this year's event. According to Robert Heim, Castleton could not attend due to unavoidable circumstances. The students of Johnson State College, Community College of Vermont, Vermont Technical College, and Lyndon State College were able to show how state colleges affect their communities. About 25 students participated in representation of the VSC and their particular college.

Writing Proficiency Exam discussions continue amid 45 percent failure rate

By Scott David Monroe
Courtesy of VSCAP, Johnson

Results from the spring administration of the Writing Proficiency Exam indicate that approximately 55 percent of students passed, a figure which only slightly deviates from prior figures and is nearly identical to last semester's. According to Administrative Assistant Sandra Douglass, 131 students took the exam and 72 passed, leaving 59 who failed.

With the updated results, discussion continued between the Johnson State College General Education Committee and teaching staff at a Faculty Assembly meeting on Tuesday, April 16 on the proposed changes.

A requirement for all JSC students in order to graduate, the exam came under increased scrutiny because of a series of protests and meetings last spring.

Dr. Kathleen Cooke, Associate Professor of Humanities and head of the General Education Committee, said faculty discussion at the meeting focused on a possible three-credit writing intensive course tentatively titled "Writing on Your Own," which would be required after a student's initial failure of the exam.

"The questions from faculty directed to the committee were about our rationale," Cooke said.

A seconded motion by the General Education Committee indicates that "Writing on Your Own" would replace the current one credit ENG 298 Writing Portfolio class used for students who have failed the exam twice. JSC Writing and Literature Professor and Exam Coordinator Dr. Dan Towner believes the new course would help shift perspectives on the exam from negative to positive. According to Towner, the disapproving assessment of the exam derives

largely from students who attempt to "graduate at the last minute."

"It (ENG 298) is perceived as punishment," Towner said. "And there's a lot of bad feeling on an exam that feels punitive."

Although the Writing Proficiency Exam is currently being proposed as an exit exam for "Writing on Your Own," Towner believes that learned skills in the course would be sufficient enough criteria for passing students. Pointing out that assigned work would resemble the exam, Towner hopes the new writing intensive course can teach students to write independently and clearly.

Discussion on the proposed changes will resume at the next Faculty Assembly meeting on May 14. Cooke indicated that should the proposal be clarified and finalized in May, the new program would be in place by spring 2003.

Students produce new literary magazine: The Gihon River Review

By Chris Papp Courtesy of VSCAP, Johnson

After nearly a year of planning and preparation, The Gihon River Review, JSC's first student-produced literary magazine to both solicit and distribute nationally, published its first issue this month.

According to managing editor of *The Gihon*, JSC student Andrew Miller-Brown, the staff ran advertisements to solicit material in two of the biggest writers' magazines in the *United States: American Writers* and *Poets* and *Writer's Chronicles*. Requests for submissions were also sent to 378 colleges with writing programs across the country. As a result of soliciting material nationwide, *The Gihon* has received a steady flow of submissions since fall.

Miller-Brown pointed out that since the magazine was new, the staff decided submissions would be open to everyone. The debut issue of *The Gihon* contains 80 pages of fiction, poetry, and creative non-fiction. Authors in *The Gihon* range from undergraduate and graduate students as well as

published writers such as Stuart Friebert and JSC creative writing graduate Daniel Hecht.

Tim Barcomb, secretary and editor of *The Gihon*, indicated that the debut issue is a culmination of hard work from all ten staff members, who had different responsibilities during the editing process.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome. I think it's a quality issue," Barcomb said.

JSC Writing and Literature Professor Dr. Neil Shepard, poetry editor of *Green Mountain Review*, also a nationally distributed literary magazine, advised the crew since the magazine's inception. Produced through an internship program created by Shepard last semester, *The Gihon* was originally advertised to all writing majors at JSC. According to Shepard, the internship program is designed around rewarding hours of work with a maximum of three credits.

Shepard pointed out that his role with *The Gihon* exists as mentor to a process he once experienced with *Green Mountains Review*.

"I am trying to teach things about how to start and organize a literary magazine, the budget, the material, the printing and distributing," Shepard said.

The Gihon project was funded by a \$4,000 grant from the Student Association and a \$1,000 grant from the Academic Dean's office. Dave Bergh, Assistant Dean of Students, explained the reason for the fiscal backing from the SA: " Part of the appeal was that it (The Gihon) was student run and managed, and obviously there is a lot of interest here on campus in poetry and creative writing." Bergh also said, "What has been notable is the dedication, effort, and involvement of the students that made up Gihon's staff. They are what made this a success."

The goal for the next issue, Miller-Brown said, is to have 96 pages and art from the JSC photography department. *The Gihon River Review* is scheduled to publish bi-annually beginning next semester.

"I think overall we did a lot of hard work and hopefully it (*The Gihon*) will be around forever with a publishing every semester," Miller-Brown said.







